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Question:

Ms Leon: I believe that was the request of the former Prime Minister's staff. The computer network in the department is not a Macintosh system, and the office, I understand, sought the technological capability of the Macintosh computers particularly for those purposes of video recording and editing. So the computers were provided as stand-alone computers on a Macintosh platform but not connected to?

Senator RYAN: I have Apples myself, so I appreciate the desire. Were those computers connected to the internet, or were they literally stand-alone as a PC might have been 25 years ago?

Ms Leon: I believe they were simply stand-alone, but I would have to take on notice whether they were connected to the internet.

Answer:

The Apple computers were connected to the internet.