Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Polley asked:

What is the number of Senators and Members who have returned their PDA and gone back to using only a mobile phone? Has there been an increase in recent times?

Answer:

Since 2005, when PDAs were first issued to Senators and Members, a total of 22 devices have been returned and replaced by mobile phones. 19 devices were returned up to May 2008 and a further three (3) have been returned to November 2008.

