

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. Can the Department provide an update to the committee on the scoping study for the Intra-Government Communications Network, or ICON?
2. If it does become privately owned, what are the potential revenue streams it could make for the owner?
3. Will the security of data be a key factor in whatever decision is made?
4. Can the Department advise what security classification level information can be transmitted over ICON?

Answer:

1. On 27 November 2015, the Government announced its decision to retain ownership of ICON.
2. Not applicable.
3. The scoping study took into account a range of relevant factors in forming its recommendations including security requirements.
4. ICON has physical security accreditation to PROTECTED. Agencies considering using ICON must conduct a risk assessment to ensure that:
 - security controls are sufficient to protect agency information;
 - identified risks associated with specific technologies, operating environments, and business functions are effectively managed; and
 - any residual security risks are identified and accepted.