

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
AFFAIRS ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO**

General

Question No. AE17/117

Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

1. Does the Department have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016?
2. Does the Department have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016?
3. Do any ministerial offices in the portfolio have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016?
4. Do any ministerial offices have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016?

The answer to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

1. The Department uses a free iTunes account to activate devices and establish new user accounts. For business-related purposes, AGD staff are able to purchase apps/subscriptions/services for an iPhone or iPad either via corporate credit cards or by seeking reimbursement. These payments/refunds are not managed centrally and it would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to determine the total expenditure, or identify the applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016.

However, the AGS Group's app purchases are managed centrally. No purchases were identified for the 2016 calendar year.

2. The Department (including AGS) does not support Android devices.
3. Please refer to answer (1) in relation to the management of iTunes accounts.
4. Please refer to answer (2).