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Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:

Senator BILYK: As my dad said, 'Education certainly is not the only thing that makes you wise and it certainly does not mean you've got manners', Minister. Why does Mr Heydon need an internet smartphone if he does not use the internet or send and receive emails? When did he give it back?

Mr Innes-Brown: Some months ago. He has never used it, and it was just sitting in his office, so we redirected that to another—

Senator BILYK: Can I get a date for when it was given back?

Mr Innes-Brown: Sorry?

Senator BILYK: In a previous round of estimates, on a question on notice, I was told he had that phone, so I would like to know the date he returned it.

Mr Innes-Brown: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator BRANDIS: We will take that on notice.

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

The Commissioner has never used the device, and it was returned to the central pool of equipment. The mobile phone, an iPhone 5, was reallocated to another staff member on 3 September 2015 by the Commission's Information Technology Officer.