

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: Can you also take on notice whether or not anything else? For example a 3G wifi dongle, as it is commonly referred to? Would have been made available. So, while it may not have been on the parliamentary computer network or on the Prime Minister and Cabinet network, was there any other third-party internet access? Because they could have been stand-alone yet had a 3G wireless device plugged into them to access the Telstra network.

Ms Leon: I will check. I have to say that, during the investigation that we undertook, there was not any information that came to my attention that suggested they had been so connected, but I will take it on notice to check.

Answer:

The Apple computers were connected to the internet using Telstra 3G dongles.