

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Senator Polley asked:**

Is it possible to compare the efficiency and reliability of Blackberry based PDA's to the PDA's that have been provided?

**Answer:**

No study has been undertaken with regard to this matter.

The Windows Mobile Personal Digital Assistants are a relatively new technology and considered to be 1<sup>st</sup> generation, whereas the BlackBerry is considered to be a mature technology (4<sup>th</sup> generation) with a broad range of clientele successfully using the system in business environments domestically and internationally. BlackBerry technology is specifically designed for ease of use and stability of the core functions of data transfer and telephony.