

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

Question No. 8

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

With reference to page 179 of the Annual report regarding the Blackberry Pilot:

- a) Please provide information on how many people have access to the trial?
- b) Is there an indication at this stage as to what level of officer the Department would roll the system out to?
- c) Is the Department trialling one device or a range of devices and is there an average cost available?
- d) How many units have been lost or stolen during the trial?

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

- a) During our BlackBerry Pilot trial a total of 48 people participated.
- b) Staff are issued BlackBerry devices based on the business requirement, not the level of the officer.
- c) We trialled one device, the BlackBerry 7290, which is the only the device approved by DSD. The purchase price of each device is \$800. The monthly data fee is \$50.00. The voice component is a mobile phone contract.
- d) No BlackBerry devices were lost or stolen during the trial.