



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Ms Rachel Turner

In relation to: IT Security for members

Hearing: 10 February 2025

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Answer Due: 19 February 2025

Ms Rachel Turner took on notice the following question:

MS CASTLEY: On IT security, you know, there are policies that are applied to the APS that might not be, I believe, we are all under the same banner. And I am just wondering if, as parliamentarians, is there – is it necessary to have us under the same security banner as public servants, for instance, I cannot screen shot emails from my phone and there is – there is difficult getting access to some files. And I am just wondering if there is a procedure or process that sort of says, you are all under the same banner for security reasons, and is that appropriate as parliamentarians or could we have different access? Sometimes you do need to screenshot an email, and it is just not possible. Does anyone know?

Mr Speaker: Ms Turner.

Ms Turner: I guess because DDTS supports the whole system there are elements that we must all comply with, in terms of ensuring that the systems more broadly stay safe. But there are certainly different rules in place for members. And so can I take that specific question on notice and look into what we can do in relation to concerns in that regard?

Speaker: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

While the Assembly is reliant on the whole-of-government provider for much of its ICT capability, the Office has in place a range of specialised ICT policies and procedures that recognise the unique constitutional position of the Assembly as the legislative branch of government in the Territory

Exemptions do exist in relation to non-executive members and their staff for example they are not blocked from any category of site with the exception of those categorised as malicious or illegal.

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In relation to the specific issue of being able to screenshot emails, the Office was not aware of this limitation and referred the matter to Digital Data and Technology Solutions (DDTS) for advice on 11 February 2025.

DDTS is still investigating the matter however, preliminary advice indicates that the restriction was applied by the Microsoft Corporation on January 2025 without consultation of the DDTS - ACT Cyber Security Centre.

Subject to final advice the Office will investigate the option of an exemption to remove the restriction for non-executive members and LAMS mobile devices.

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By the Speaker for the Legislative Assembly, Mark Parton