

## Table showing status and decisions made in relation for mobile devices allocated to former Ministers and SpAds

Sources: Information provided by former Ministers and SpAds

Fact Finding Investigation

Information from Private Offices

Status of devices when switched on, i.e., reset (new user setup begins when switched on) or not reset (password prompt shows when switched on) by Covid Inquiry Team in 11 December 2023

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<b>First Minister's Office</b>											
Dame Arlene Foster	iPhone	June 2021	Yes	After returned to TEO in June 2021	For reallocation within Private office	Deirdre Griffith, Principal Private Secretary	As the mobile device is the property of the NICS, there was no communication about any resetting especially as this is standard procedure. The mobile devices are in the custody and control of NICS.	IT Assist – summer / autumn 2021	None	None	Information provided by D Griffith: <i>"The custom and practice in the Private Office devised from the NICS Mobile Device security policy informed the reset process."</i>
	iPad	June 2021	No – cleared of NICS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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			applications and returned to user								
Paul Givan	iPhone	February 2022	Password prompt shows	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	iPad	February 2022	when switched on – appear not to have been reset.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Junior Ministers Gordon Lyons / Junior Ministers Gary Middleton	iPhone	May 2022	Password prompt shows	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	iPad	May 2022	when switched on – appear not to have been reset.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emma Little-Pengelly	iPhone	June 2021	Yes	After returned to TEO in June 2021	Reallocated to Mr Bullick	Deirdre Griffith, Principal Private Secretary	As the mobile device is the property of the NICS, there was no communication about any resetting especially as this is standard procedure. The mobile devices	IT Assist	None	None	Information provided by D Griffith: “The custom and practice in the Private Office devised from the NICS Mobile Device security

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Richard Bullick	First iPhone (previously used by E Little-Pengelly)	Not known	Yes	Not known	Reallocated to official in Private Office	Deirdre Griffith, Principal Private Secretary	As the mobile device is the property of the NICS, there was no communication about any resetting especially as this is standard procedure. The mobile devices are in the custody and control of NICS.	IT Assist	None	None	Information provided by D Griffith: <i>"The custom and practice in the Private Office devised from the NICS Mobile Device security policy informed the reset process."</i>
	Second iPhone	February 2022	Yes	Before returned return to TEO in February 2022	No information available	Richard Bullick	N/A	Richard Bullick	N/A	N/A	None referenced
Philip Weir	iPhone	February 2022	Password prompt shows	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	iPad	February 2022	when switched on – appears	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Kim Ashton	iPhone	May 2020	Yes	After its return in May 2020	For reallocation to Mr Reynolds	Deirdre Griffith, Principal Private Secretary	As the mobile device is the property of the NICS, there was no communication about any resetting especially as this is standard procedure. The mobile devices are in the custody and control of NICS.	IT Assist after its return in May 2020	None	None	Information provided by D Griffith: <i>"The custom and practice in the Private Office devised from the NICS Mobile Device security policy informed the reset process."</i>
Lee Reynolds	iPhone	June 2021	Yes	After its return in June 2021	For reallocation to official in Private Office	Deirdre Griffith, Principal Private Secretary	As the mobile device is the property of the NICS, there was no communication about any resetting especially as this is standard procedure. The mobile devices are in the	IT Assist after its return in June 2021	None	None	Information provided by D Griffith: <i>"The custom and practice in the Private Office devised from the NICS Mobile Device security policy"</i>

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<b>Deputy First Minister's Office</b>											
Michelle O'Neill	iPhone	Start of 2023	Yes – confirmed by user	Before returned to TEO at the start of 2023	In line with <i>"normal practice in returning devices which had been used for official or sensitive communication"</i>	Michelle O'Neill	N/A	Michelle O'Neill – before returned to TEO at the start of 2023	N/A	N/A	None referenced
Michelle O'Neill	iPad	Start of 2023	Yes – confirmed by user	Before returned to TEO at the start of 2023	In line with <i>"normal practice in returning devices which had been used for official or sensitive communication"</i>	Michelle O'Neill	N/A	Michelle O'Neill – before returned to TEO at the start of 2023	N/A	N/A	None referenced
JM Declan Kearney	iPhone	May 2022	Yes – new user setup begins when switched on	Not clear – user has advised: <i>"I understand that upon return of this equipment in May 2022, data would have been deleted due to the expiry of contracts."</i>	This cannot be confirmed as the reset was not done by TEO (see response in previous column)	This cannot be confirmed as the reset was not done by TEO (see response in previous columns)	N/A	This cannot be confirmed as the reset was not done by TEO (see response in previous columns)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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John Loughran	iPhone	February 2022	Yes	Before returned to TEO in	No explanation provided	John Loughran	N/A	John Loughran	N/A	N/A	N/A
	iPad	February 2022	Yes	February 2022	No explanation provided	John Loughran	N/A	John Loughran	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stephen McGlade	iPhone	February 2022	Yes	3 February 2022	Advised by user: <i>"Devices when returned at the start of February 2022 had data erased and my contract ended"</i>	Stephen McGlade	N/A	Stephen McGlade	N/A	N/A	N/A
	iPad	February 2022	Yes	3 February 2022		Stephen McGlade	N/A	Stephen McGlade	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michelle Canning	iPhone	Late January 2021	Yes	Before returned to TEO in late	Advised by user: <i>"My general approach is one of risk aversion and to take precautionary measures to ensure that sensitive and/or financial information, which might be contained on a device, could not be subject</i>	Michelle Canning	N/A	Michelle Canning	N/A	N/A	N/A
	iPad	Late January 2021	Yes	January 2021		Michelle Canning	N/A	Michelle Canning	N/A	N/A	N/A



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					<i>to unauthorised disclosure or viewed by those without approved access to do so."</i>						
Dara O'Hagan	iPhone	February 2022	Password prompt shows	Before returned to TEO in February 2022	Advised by user: <i>"Devices when returned at the start of February 2022 had data erased and my contract ended."</i>	Dara O'Hagan	N/A	Dara O'Hagan	N/A	N/A	N/A
	iPad	February 2022	when switched on – appears not to have been reset			Dara O'Hagan	N/A	Dara O'Hagan	N/A	N/A	N/A