

Over the past five years CSNSW has provided re-purposed laptops to more than 220 inmates to facilitate their access to electronic briefs.

During this current pandemic, devices have been hard to obtain and CSNSW is not presently able to meet all requests.

The E-brief Committee, which is made up from agency stakeholders will review applications but not all requests for laptops will be able to be met in the immediate future.

To ensure that inmates have access to their brief it is suggested that practitioners:

1. Obtain a paper copy of the brief from the prosecuting agency if possible.
2. Provide a paper copy of the brief to their client. This will be held in the inmate's property and the inmate will need to request access to it.
3. Encourage the use of blue computers if a paper copy is not available.
4. Provide clear details of why an application is urgent should an application for a laptop still be necessary.

The E-brief Committee will monitor the situation.