

# In Chile, an iPad for every lawmaker

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A four-member lower house panel on administration decided to hand out the high-selling Apple tablets "to support legislative operations," the daily La Segunda reported.

Speaker Patricio Melero said the goal was to make it possible for lawmakers to remotely access their work, do research and follow [legislation](#).

But some lawmakers, who were asked to pick their [iPad](#) in black or white, had their doubts about whether they needed such a freebie.

"I think that our [Congress](#) absolutely should invest our money as best as possible. People who want to get one of these things should get it with their own money. We make enough," said legislator Rene Alinco.

Legislators are supposed to turn in their iPads when their terms end.

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