

## Hallett, Brien (SEN)

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**From:** Hallett, Brien (SEN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 July 2012 11:52 AM  
**To:** 'Parnell, Sean'  
**Subject:** FOI application

Dear Mr Parnell

I refer to your email request of 31 May 2012 in which you requested documents detailing all occasions where items on the Assets Register of Office Equipment, and Assets Register of Furniture, had to be written off, in the current term and the previous term of parliament, including details of the item in question and which Senator had responsibility for it.

According to the Senate Department asset register, the following items which were the responsibility of the senators named below were written off in the current term and the previous term of parliament. (The register lists those items where custodianship can be attributed to an individual member or their office, rather than assets where the Department itself was identified as the custodian at the time of disposal.)

The list is as follows:

24 April 2008	Senate Department lap-top computer in the custody of Senator Siewert. Item written off.
11 October 2011	Senate Department lap-top computer in the custody of Senator Back. Item written off.

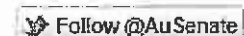
Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Parnell, Sean [<mailto:parnell@theaustralian.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 May 2012 2:38 PM  
**To:** Hallett, Brien (SEN)  
**Subject:** FOI application

Dear Mr Hallett,

I write seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act, specifically documents detailing all occasions where items on the Assets Register of Office Equipment, and Assets Register of Furniture, had to be written off, in the current term and the previous term of parliament, including details of the item in question and which Senator had responsibility for it.

I advise that I am not interested in duplicate copies of documents or documents that have already been publicly released, or media releases, media articles or media statements. I also reserve the right to withdraw this request should the information I seek be released under FOI to individuals or organisations prior to finalisation of my FOI application, and ask that I be notified accordingly. If the estimate of charges is excessive, I reserve the right to narrow

the scope of this application or, alternatively, split it into separate parts. I would also prefer documents to be released electronically via email.

Finally, given policies on disclosure logs differ across government, and remain a subject for debate, I would ask that The Australian be notified of the planned timing of the release of documents to us, and be given the full 10 business days allowed under the Act to research and prepare any articles for publication before the release is posted on any disclosure log. The Australian would also appreciate the option of being able to place the application on hold at any stage, in accordance with the Act, if timing or other factors become an issue. Your assistance on these matters would also help your agency provide any background or clarifying information.

If I can be of any assistance with the processing of any aspect of these requests, please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 3666-7456 or [parnell@theaustralian.com.au](mailto:parnell@theaustralian.com.au)

Kind regards,

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