

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2017**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Press gallery rent**  
Question: **30**  
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1. How much is the rent for space in the press gallery per square metre, for each organisation?
2. What is the most a tenant is paying in rent for space in the press gallery per square metre?
3. What is the least a tenant is paying in rent for space in the press gallery per square metre?
4. How is the amount each organisation pays in rent determined?

**Answer**

1. Press Gallery Licence fees are made up of a Base Fee and an additional fee(s) to cover facilities and services such as power, water, cleaning, car parking and administration costs as relevant (generally referred to as the Operating Fee). The Base Fee reflects the quality of the space (A, B, C grade space or storage). The Operating Fee, which is primarily dependent on utilities and car parking usage, currently ranges between \$73 and \$263 per square metre. The current Base Fee rates for 2016–17 are as follows:

Grade	Base Fee \$ per square metre (excl. GST)
A	478
B	422
C	393
Storage	254

2. \$478 per square metre for A grade space.
3. \$254 per square metre for storage space.
4. Refer to the answer for question 1 above.