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DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES

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Ms Lyn Beverley
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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Dear Ms Beverley

Correction to Question on Notice No. 75 Additional Estimates February 2017

I wish to correct the answer to Question on Notice No. 75, regarding procedures for applying for Parliament House passes, from the 2016–17 Additional Estimates hearing in February.

The response to this question indicated that the number of authorised officers delegated responsibility to approve access pass applications under the new childcare and political party secretariats/official guests and visitors sponsorship arrangements was only two authorised officers for political party secretariats. Two authorised officers from each of three political party secretariats have in fact been delegated this responsibility, providing a total of six authorised officers.

I have attached an amended response to Question on Notice No. 75. I would be grateful if you could draw this to the Committee's attention.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

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Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Procedures for applying for Parliament House passes**

Question: 75

Written **Senator Wong**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 13 April 2017

1. How many authorised officers have been delegated responsibility to approve access pass applications under the new childcare and political party secretariats/official guests and visitors sponsorship arrangements?
2. What sort of individual falls within the “official guests and visitors” category?
3. Has the Department of Parliamentary Services investigated implementing cost recovery arrangements for sponsored pass holders where the individual represents a company or professional organisation (as opposed to a charity or not-for-profit)?

Answer

1.

Childcare	Total of one authorised officer
Political Party Secretariats	Total of six authorised officers, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two from the Liberal Party of Australia;• Two from the Australian Labor Party; and• Two from National Party of Australia.

2. This category has not been used and will be removed in the next version of the pass policy.

3. No.