

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Andrew Laming's Fuel Stunt in Federation Chamber**

Question: **55**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 10 July 2015

The Member for Bowman, Andrew Laming, was suspended from Parliament for 24 hours as punishment for a stunt he pulled in the Federation Chamber during March. I understand that Mr Laming poured highly flammable and toxic bunker fuel from a passenger ship over his hands and the furniture in the Federation Chamber as part of a stunt about cruise ships in his Electorate. The ABC reported that the Chamber had suffered damage as a result of this stunt.

1. Please advise precisely what chemical Mr Laming released in the Federation Chamber?
2. Is that a flammable chemical?
3. Is that a toxic chemical – did it pose any risks to the health of other MPs or staff working in the Chamber?
4. Was it necessary to call emergency services to respond to Mr Laming's chemical spill?
5. Did the Fire Brigade come? If so, how many fire engines/crews?
6. Was it necessary to call an ambulance? If so, how many ambulances attended?
7. Was DPS charged for the costs of attendance by emergency services? If so, can you please advise what those costs were?
8. Have any Comcover claims been lodged by parliamentary staff in relation to this incident?
9. If so, how many and what is the likely cost of these claims?
10. Was there any damage to the fixtures and fittings in the Federation Chamber? If yes, please detail what was damaged.
11. Was it necessary to have these fixtures and fittings cleaned?
12. If so, was that cleaning conducted in house or was it necessary to contract specialist external cleaning companies?
13. How were these fixtures cleaned?
14. What was the cost of those cleaning services?
15. Have any of these contracts been published on Austender? If so, can you please advise the associated Contract Notice numbers?
16. Did any of the fixtures or fittings have to be replaced?
17. If so, what fixtures or fittings?
18. What were the associated costs?
19. Have any of these contracts been published on Austender? If so, can you please advise the associated Contract Notice numbers?
20. Has Mr Laming been asked to contribute to the costs to the Commonwealth of his stunt?
21. How much has he been asked to contribute?
22. When was Mr Laming asked to pay these costs?
23. Has Mr Laming agreed to pay them?
24. Has Mr Laming's payment been finalised? If no, when is it expected to be finalised?
25. Can a copy of any correspondence between DPS and Mr Laming please be provided?
26. Can a copy of all documents in relation to this incident please be provided to the Committee?

Answer

1. Crude oil.
2. Yes.
3. No.

4. No.
5. No.
6. No.
7. Not applicable.
8. No.
9. Not applicable.
10. Some slight staining on timber desk and some small spots evident on the carpet.
11. Yes.
12. DPS Maintenance staff cleaned the desk with the carpet cleaned by a contractor.
13. The desk was cleaned using clean rags and a degreaser followed by an application of furniture wax. The carpet was spot cleaned with an approved solvent.
14. DPS in-house costs totalled \$135.00 GST inclusive. Carpet cleaning costs totalled \$121.00 GST inclusive.
15. No.
16. No.
17. Not applicable.
18. Not applicable.
19. Not applicable.
20. Yes. Costs were requested from the House of Representatives for cost recovery purposes from Mr Laming.
21. DPS raised an invoice for a total of \$256 GST inclusive which was subsequently paid by Mr Laming on 27 May 2015.
22. The Department of the House of Representatives was supplied our invoice on the 2/04/15.
23. The invoice was paid by Mr Laming on 27 May 2015.
24. Yes.
25. DPS had no correspondence with Mr Laming; all correspondence was with the Department of the House of Representatives.
26. The invoice presented to the Department of the House of Representatives is attached.

Department of Parliamentary Services

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Receiver of Public Monies
Department of Parliamentary Services
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Canberra ACT 2600

Mr. Andrew Laming MP
Member for Bowman
R 1 21
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Tax Invoice

Invoice No.: **1800000944**
Invoice Date : 08.04.2015
Telephone: (02) 6277 8955
Fax (02) 6277 8800

Line	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Excl GST
1	Repair damage as a result of oil spilt Building Maintenance Services	1.000	\$135.00	\$135.00
2	Reimb for Morgans Group Inv 76682	1.000	\$110.00	\$110.00
	Total excl GST:		AUD	\$245.00
	Total Goods & Services Tax			\$11.00
	Total amount including GST			\$256.00

PAYMENT ADVICE

Enquiries: General-(02) 6277 8955

Payment Terms: 28 days from date of Invoice

No receipt mailed unless requested

Please detach this section and return with your payment to:

Receiver of Public Monies
Department of Parliamentary Services
PO Box 6000
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Invoice No: 1800000944

Payment Terms: 28 days from date of Invoice

Customer No: 100066

Cheques to be made payable to Department of Parliamentary Services

Direct EFT Payments to:

BSB Number: 092009

Account No: 116659

Bank Name: Reserve Bank of Australia

Account Title: DPS Official Department Account

E-Mail: DPSFinance@aph.gov.au

Fascimile: (02) 6277 8800

Please charge this invoice to my MasterCard / Visa / Amex

Verification No: _____

Name on card: _____ Expiry: ___/___

Signature: _____

Payment Amount: \$ _____

Invoice Number
INV000076682
Insurer's Ref
Order Number
46002236

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 CARPET CLEANING, UPHOLSTERY CLEANING, GENERAL CLEANING
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Invoice Date
27/03/2015
Assessors's Ref

Mail To:
 DEPARTMENT OF PARLIMENTARY
 SERVICES
 PARLIAMENT HOUSE
 PO BOX 6000
 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2600

Bill To:
 DEPARTMENT OF PARLIMENTARY
 SERVICES
 PARLIAMENT HOUSE
 PO BOX 6000
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Customer Number	Service To
PAR0032	DEPARTMENT OF PARLIMENTARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF PARLIMENTARY SERVICES PARLIMENT HOUSE CANBERRA ACT 2600

Item	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price Inc. GST	Discount	Total Inc. GST
CC	CARPET CLEANING TO OIL STAINS IN THE CHAMBERS Carpet Cleaning	1.00	PER	121.00	0.00	121.00

Building Fabric services
Goods / Services Received
 P/O 46002236
 DATE: 1.04.15
 NAME: 
 SIGN: 
 SAP DOC: 5000006019

Please Note Change In Bank Account Details

TERMS: NET 30 DAYS Bank Details - For EFT Payments Acct Name: Morgans Group Pty Ltd Branch: NAB Fyshwick BSB: 082-902 Account No.: 183301630	Sub Total Exc. GST	110.00
	GST	11.00
	Rounding	0.00
	Less Payment	0.00
	Total Due (AUD) Inc. GST	121.00