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Ms Lyn Beverley  
Secretary  
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 22 MAY 2017**  
**SENATE OCCASIONAL LECTURE SERIES – DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE**

In response to the Committee's previous interest in the Senate Occasional Lecture Series, I attach information on the lectures for the 2016-17 financial year and final costs associated with the honorarium and travel for presenters for the 2015-16 financial year.

Yours sincerely

(Richard Pye)

### Senate Occasional Lecture Series

Each year the department holds a number of lectures which are open to the public.

Eight out of a proposed ten lectures have taken place in the 2016-17 financial year:

<b>2016</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Topic</b>
22 July	Ms Leah Armstrong	Reconciliation Action Plans in business and government
2 September	Professor Paul Strangio	The Prime Ministership since Federation
30 September	Professor Anika Gauja	Political parties and reform
28 October	Professor Tom Frame	Conscription, conscientious objection and parliament
4 November	Professor Anne Twomey	The Annual Harry Evans Lecture
<b>2017</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Topic</b>
17 February	Professor Simon Jackman	US and Australia relations
17 March	Dr Zareh Ghazarian	The growth of minor parties in the Senate
28 April	Mr David Fricker	Government-Citizen Engagement in the Digital Age
26 May	Mr Russell Taylor	1967 referendum 50 years on
30 June	Dr Anthony Bergin	Parliament and national security

Seven lectures were held in the 2015-16 financial year:

<b>2015</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Topic</b>
July	No lecture	

<b>2015</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Topic</b>
14 August	Ms Jane Halton	PGPA Act and public sector reform
18 September	Mr Phil Bowen	The role of the Parliamentary Budget Office
October	No lecture	<i>(Magna Carta Symposium held on 30 October)</i>
13 November	Dr Chris Sarra	Leadership and Australia's first peoples
December	No lecture	
<b>2016</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Topic</b>
5 February	Professor Graeme Orr	Ritual and rhythm in electoral systems
11 March	Professor Cheryl Saunders and Mr Stephen Argument	Delegated legislation
29 April	Professor Russell Trood	Cancelled due to illness
13 May	Professor Simon Tormey	Challenges for representative democracy
24 June	Dr Bede Harris	Constitutional reform

The department pays an honorarium (except where it is declined or would be inappropriate, such as for Commonwealth officers) and travel costs for the presenters.

The below table sets out expenses incurred in previous financial years and the current total so far for the 2016-17 financial year after 8 lectures:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Honorarium</b>	<b>Travel and</b>
2011-12	\$3,500	\$2,571
2012-13	\$3,500	\$4,287
2013-14 ^	\$4,954	\$4,414
2014-15	\$3,000	\$2,725
2015-16	\$2,500	\$3,719
2016-17*	\$3,500	\$3,808

*^ 2013-14 featured two panels with a total of five participants hence the increase in honoraria.*

*\* Total to 22 May 2017 (8 lectures) – includes estimated expenditure*