

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Chesterfield Lounge**

Question: **75**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 4 December 2015

A Chesterfield lounge was located in Minister Kevin Andrews' office. It had previously been in Prime Minister Howard's office.

1. Can you please provide an update of where the lounge is now located?
2. How much is the lounge worth?
3. How was it determined where the lounge would be located?
4. Were any requests made by Minister's, MPs or Senators or their offices for the lounge to be placed in their offices? If yes, please provide a list of offices who had requested the lounge and provide a copy of any documents, emails, memos etc that relate to these requests

Answer

1. The Chesterfield lounge was relocated to Mr Kevin Andrews (Hon) MP – House of Representatives Suite – RG 57.
2. The purchase price in 1999 was \$13,000.
3. The Serjeant at Arms requested that the Chesterfield lounge and two chairs be moved to Mr Andrew's suite in 2007. Mr Jason Wood subsequently requested the remaining two chairs be moved to his suite. When Mr Wood left Parliament in 2010, at Mr Andrew's request via the Serjeant at Arms, the chairs were moved to his suite, where they remain.
4. No.