

**Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts
Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Department – National Museum of Australia

Additional Estimates 2000-2001, (21-22/2/01)

Outcome 1, Output 1.4

Question: 001

Topic: Use of imported granite in NMA Main Hall

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice:99/001

Senator Schacht asked: How many tonnes?

Answer: Approximately 190 tonnes

Outcome 1, Output 1.4

Question: 002

Topic: Use of imported granite in NMA Main Hall

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: 100/002

Senator Lundy asked: Are you in a position to make any inquiries about the source of the granite now with respect to where it was sourced and whether or not child labour was used.

Answer: The Project Manager from Bovis Lend Lease has informed my Department that the granite was sourced from China, India and Italy. He has also spoken to the supplier of the granite who has advised that he is unaware of any evidence to suggest that child labour was used.

Outcome 1, Output 1.4

Question: 003

Topic: Use of imported granite in NMA Main Hall

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: 100/003

Senator Lundy asked: I would like to think that would have affected your decision not to use that supplier. Perhaps the minister or you can offer up a policy with respect to sourcing materials, whether from Australia or not, that use child labour, and whether that specifically excludes that potential supplier from your consideration.

Answer: DOFA have confirmed that the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines are silent on the issues raised by Senator Lundy.

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Question: 004

Topic: National Museum of Australia Staffing

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: ECITA 101

Senator Lundy asked: “Could you just take on notice to provide me with the staffing arrangements, the classifications, which are permanent, which are not and projected time frames for letting those non-permanent staff go and what you anticipate there”

Answer: Please see attached table