

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Budget Estimates Hearings 2005-2006, February 2006

**PM32**

Question 1: How many grants have you Issued to Hillsong Church, its corporations and entities? List name, price and duration of funding by department.

Answer 1: Nil

**PM 40**

Question 1

- a. How many briefs have you forwarded to the DPP for 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05? and
- b. How many briefs were returned without action, and how many were actioned?

Answer 1: Nil to both parts.

Question2

For each year, what was the average time (as well as indicating the maximum time in each case) in which it took the DPP to:

- a. bring charges against the accused party;
- b. formally bring the matter to a conclusion through either a verdict of guilty or not guilty, the entrance of a nolle prosequi or dropping the charges; and
- c. return the brief for no further action.

Answer 2: Nil response to all parts.

Question 3

Did the department or agency forward any formal complaints to the DPP regarding the handling of the brief? If so, give details.

Answer 3: No

Question 4

Did the department or agency forward any informal Complaints to the DPP handling of the brief ? If so, give details.

Answer 4: No