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Answers to Questions on Notice

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Topic: Bound *Hansard*

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Senator FAULKNER—First of all, I would like to know how many people—some public institutions and libraries do—purchase the bound *Hansard*.

Ms Penfold—I think there is a group who purchase them from the printer, as it were, independently of us.

Senator FAULKNER—But do you know how many there are that do that?

Ms Penfold—No, I do not know off the top of my head. I think we do have that information somewhere.

Senator FAULKNER—If you could provide it to me, I would appreciate it. Do we have that there or not?

Ms Penfold—I do not know if we will, because it is not our information. It will be with the printers and we may have to get it from them.

Answer

Canprint operates a standing order list of potential *Hansard* bound volume buyers.

DPS understands that there are 43 people or organisations (**subscribers**) on the Canprint standing order list for House of Representatives bound volumes and 42 for the Senate.

Each time bound volumes are produced, Canprint writes to the subscribers on that list advising of the latest number of bound volumes and quoting a cost to supply.

Each volume can be purchased from Canprint for \$20 plus GST.

Canprint advises that the uptake from those on the standing order list for the last bound volumes produced (November 2004 to December 2005) was 25 subscribers for the House of Representatives *Hansards* and three for the Senate *Hansards*.

As well as the subscribers who deal with Canprint, DPS currently provides the following bound volumes at no cost to the recipients:

- (a) bound volume House of Representatives Hansards to 147 Members, and 68 other recipients; and
- (b) bound volume Senate Hansards to 74 Senators and 66 other recipients.

2 Binding and distribution of these volumes costs DPS around \$30 per volume, on top of the cost of printing the material that is bound.