



**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee—  
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**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Topic: Bollard Hours of Operation**

**Question P6, F&PA 19**

**ACTING CHAIR**—...I have never quite understood why security is enhanced by the bollards only operating on Sunday afternoons before a sitting week and after 4.30 but not on any other day of the week. It is something that has eluded me. If you could provide any advice in relation to the hours of operation and the rationale for that, I am sure that would be helpful.

**Mr Kenny**—We can go back to the original security threat assessment advice and see what that says.

**ACTING CHAIR**—That would be helpful.

**Answer**

- 1 The Senate and House of Representatives entrances are open as follows:
  - (a) Monday to Thursday—24 hours;
  - (b) Friday—Closes at midnight
  - (c) Saturday—6.00 am to 8.00 pm
  - (d) Sunday—Open from 6.00 am.
  
- 2 Current bollard operating times are as follows:
  - (a) on sitting days (including Senate Estimates hearing days)—4.30am to 12 midnight, or one hour after the last House adjourns (whichever is the later);
  - (b) Friday to Monday (during sitting days)—closes at 8.00pm Friday and opens at 12 noon Sunday; closes at 12 midnight Sunday and opens at 4.30am Monday
  - (c) Friday to Monday (non-sitting)— closes at 8.00pm Friday and opens at 4.30am Monday
  - (d) on non-sitting days—4.30am to 8.00pm;
  - (e) on a non-sitting Monday at the beginning of a sitting week—4.30am to 12 midnight;
  - (f) on the Sunday or public holiday before a sitting day—12 noon to 12 midnight.

3 The original security threat assessment advice makes no recommendation on operating times for the bollards.

