

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee— Additional Budget Estimates February 2009

Parliament Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Hansard staff v. Outsourced staff comparison.

Question P7, Hansard reference F&PA 22, 23

Senator MOORE—Ms Lynch, one of the things we have noticed is that, particularly when we are travelling, there is an increase in outsourcing. We recognise the Hansard staff and we can see that there is outsourcing. Do you have any records of what the balance is now of the use of Hansard staff travelling from Canberra and the use of outsourced services across the country?

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Ms Lynch—With the first component, we do have numbers and costings for comparison of outsourcing some away committee support and doing it in house. I do not have them with me; I will need to take that one on notice.

Answer

1 The following table provides details of parliamentary committee hours outside Canberra (away committees), including committee hours that were outsourced.

	Total Away Committee Hours	Outsourced Away Committee Hours	Proportion Outsourced
2005-06	1050	61	6%
2006-07	638	7	1%
2007-08	423	20	5%
2008-09*	713	154	22%

* Year to February 2009