

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2010**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Pot plants

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[**Senator FERGUSON**—I am staggered that you would maintain the pot plants in the public areas without knowing how much that was going to cost. ...]

Mr Kenny—I am sorry, maybe I am misunderstanding you. In the previous arrangements, until last month, we paid \$120,000 for the hire, or the lease and maintenance, of the pot plants in the building.

Senator FERGUSON—Is that public viewing areas and private viewing areas?

Mr Kenny—That is correct.

Senator FERGUSON—What component of that is private? You must know how much that you are going to—

Mr Kenny—We do, but I do not have the numbers here.

Answer

1 22 terracotta pots are being maintained in the public areas. These are areas accessible to the general public.

2 184 terracotta pots are being maintained in the private areas. These areas include Members' Guests Dining Room, Staff Dining Room and all circulation areas not accessible to the public—for example, outside chambers and the committee rooms. It does not include Senators' and Members' suites.

3 Note that each terracotta pot will contain various numbers of plants and various sizes.