

**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 RONALDSON—Mr Kenny, just on that: I was advised by a colleague 10 minutes ago that they bought the pot plant and the pot, which was similar—clearly not the same pot, but a similar pot came with the pot plant and that was \$25 for the pot and pot plant. Is that correct?

Mr Kenny—Senator, I presume it is correct. It is not something that DPS would have been involved in.

Senator RONALDSON—It is because they are your pots. That is my point. For the price of \$25 the pot plant came with a pot which was a similar pot to the one that was removed.

Mr Kenny—We will have to look into that. I am not aware of us having sold any pots.

Senator RONALDSON—Will you take that on notice please?

Answer

1 No pots have been sold. The indoor plants that have been sold have been a transaction between the contractor and the customer. DPS has not had any involvement in the sale of plants.

2 DPS is happy to supply a pot from storage for a purchased plant to sit in. This has occurred in many cases where plants have been purchased for suites by Senators or Members.