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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
The Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Annotated Standing Orders of the Australian Senate

At this morning's hearing, Senator Fifield asked how sales of the *Annotated Standing Orders of the Australian Senate* were going.

Since its launch in August 2009, 458 copies of the *Annotated Standing Orders of the Australian Senate* have been distributed (from a print run of 1,000). The bulk of these were complimentary copies as follows:

Hard cover:	289
Soft cover:	85
Total:	374

These were distributed to senators and senators-elect, members of the House of Representatives and former senators (both on request), authors, other parliaments and a small number of academic and institutional recipients. The soft cover copies were distributed to Senate departmental staff positions.

Copies are available for sale online and from the Parliament House shop for \$65 (hard cover) and \$45 (soft cover). Sales to date are as follows:

Hard cover:	44
Soft cover:	40
Total:	84

Total income is therefore \$4660. The book was written primarily as a reference work for senators and staff and I hope, therefore, that the sales figures will not be taken as an

indication of its impact in that regard. The major content of the work is also freely available online as "Commentaries on the standing orders" on the Senate website at:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/pubs/aso/index.htm> .

Yours sincerely

(Rosemary Laing)