

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Budget Estimates Hearing—February 2011**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **passholders at APH**

Question: **9**

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Mr Thompson—We have aggregate data about the numbers passing through the various entrances. How that breaks up between pass-holders and parliamentarians, I am not so sure.

Senator PARRY—One would assume 150 MPs—leaving out the ministerial entrance number—would enter the House of Representatives entrance and 76 senators would enter the Senate entrance. Would passholders double that number for the House of Representatives or would it be about even for both the House of Representatives and the Senate? Can that be provided on notice, including the number for the ministerial entrance?

Answer

1 For the year 2009–10, the number of times passholders and visitors entered the building via the various entrances was approximately:

- (a) 390,000 for the House of Representatives entrance;
- (b) 530,000 for the Senate entrance; and
- (c) 405,000 for the Ministerial ground and basement entrances.

2 These figures were derived using information from security screening equipment. The figures do include people who came and went more than once each day, but do not include people passing through the ceremonial entrances, primarily Senators and Members.