

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation
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Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Music on hold facility

Question P6

Senator Carr asked:

- 1 How much does DPS pay per annum for the "muzak" currently piped through the Parliamentary phone and broadcast facilities?
- 2 Please detail the licensing and payment arrangements in place for the music-on-hold facility including details of any services providers involved.

Answer

- 1 The former DPRS purchased a series of 14 compact disks containing music for the broadcast systems and the music-on-hold system in 2002 for a total cost of \$817.
- 2 The music in the CD collection is provided by a company called Digital Juice Inc. The music is copyrighted by them and is provided to DPS with a non-exclusive, non-transferable licence. The licence allows it to be used for broadcasting as long as it is not sold or reproduced for distribution. The music is royalty free and hence there are no ongoing licence fees or charges.