

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

Question: F38

Outcome 2, Output 2.2.2 Major Projects

Topic: Trees involved in National Portrait Gallery shift

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Senator Sherry asked:

How many trees are involved in this shift.

Answer:

Adjacent to the National Portrait Gallery site were 62 trees forming the approach vista to the High Court of Australia. Professional advice was sought from an Arborist who recommended 23 be removed and that only 39 trees were worthy of retention.

The original siting of the National Portrait Gallery involved the removal of a further 23 trees due to the construction.

The re-siting of the building reduced the number of trees required to be removed to seven, thereby allowing 32 (82%) of the trees to be retained.