

## **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Budget Estimates May 2007**

### **Answers to Questions on Notice**

#### **Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services**

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#### **Topic: Parliament House shop outsourcing**

#### **Question P5**

**Senator FIFIELD (CHAIR)**—Can you also take on notice if DPS will look at the merits of outsourcing of the Parliament House shop? It just seems odd that, given this is an outfit with a monopoly and the visitor numbers each year are strong, it would actually be forecasting a slight decline.

#### **Answer**

Mr Kenny addressed this issue at the Estimates hearing. Proof Committee Hansard page FP&A 14 records:

**Mr Kenny**—Within the department we are conducting a number of what we call continuous improvement reviews, which have been discussed at previous meetings of this committee. The review looking at the operations of the facilities section is currently underway. That will look at, amongst other things, the operations of the Parliament House shop and possibly explore the sorts of questions that you have just raised. That review is currently scheduled for completion in July of this year.