

## Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee—Budget Estimates May 2008

### Parliament Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

#### Answers to Questions on Notice

##### Topic: Not-for-profit access/affordability options (focus on catering)

##### Question P12, F&PA 45

**Senator[FIELDING]**—If you could look at it and consider it and maybe come back to me. As I said, there is a need out there and it would be foolish to just cut people out because they cannot afford to come and hold functions here. Thank you.

**Mr Thompson**—We will have a look and we will come back to you.

#### Answer

1 On 22 June 2007, DPS released an Expression of Interest seeking tenderers for catering services to Parliament House. This Expression of Interest was open to all potential respondents, including not-for-profit organisations. DPS received responses from a range of providers – none of which were considered not-for-profit organisations. As a result of this process, DPS has awarded two new catering contracts that come into effect on 1 July 2008.

2 The new caterers are contractually obligated to set prices as reasonable and competitive, offering value for money, and benchmarked against, and comparable with, other establishments offering similar services in the ACT.

