

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee—Budget Estimates May 2008

Parliament Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Volunteer attendance at pre-2020 summit meetings

Question P4, F&PA 29

Senator ABETZ—Can we find out what meetings did take place during work hours and whether that was undertaken as a volunteer, as in leave without pay, or whether the person was paid during his or her absences? Could you take that on notice.

Ms Missingham—Yes.

Answer

1 There were three meetings which were conducted during work hours ahead of the 2020 Summit and attended by the DPS staff member:

Tuesday 8 April 2008	9am to 10am
Monday 14 April 2008	10am to 11am
Thursday 17 April 2008	11am and over lunchtime

2 On each of these occasions, the staff member attended the meetings under a flexible working time arrangement with the staff member's supervisor, whereby the staff member made up any working time lost while attending preparations for the Summit.

