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Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Budget Week Booking by ALP

Question P8, F&PA 40



Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—When was that [Budget week] booking that was made by the ALP? It was made by the head office, was it?

The PRESIDENT—I am not sure of the exact date.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I am interested in whether it was made by a Labor member of parliament. Mr Kenny said it was the ALP. I just assumed that was the Australian Labor Party as an entity.

The PRESIDENT—I do not know who actually booked the hall. I do know that the agreement was reached between the Speaker and me in late March.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Perhaps you could take that on notice and also give me the date that that booking was made.

Mr Kenny—We can. I am looking a bit hesitant because we did have a number of requests for bookings from various members and senators and, in time, those all ended up with the actual final details that I have just read out to you. But we will be able to get the date at which the final arrangements were established and the contact of who that arrangement was made with.

Answer

1 The booking for the Great Hall was made on 19 March 2008 by Ms Lisa Middlebrook, from the ALP National Secretariat.