

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2008-09 (May 2009)**

Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Department/Agency: Old Parliament House**

**Outcome/Output Group: Outcome 1**

**Topic:** Was the text on Mr Howard's panel in the Australian Prime Ministers Centre exhibition discussed with Mr Howard?

**Senator: Ronaldson**

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**Answer:**

The then Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard opened the exhibition and the associated research centre on 21 June 2007. The text of the panel has not changed since the opening and Old Parliament House is unaware of any dissatisfaction on his part with the contents of his information panel or other elements of the exhibition.

The living former Prime Ministers, and Mr Howard as Prime Minister, were not consulted about the wording on the information panels. The majority of the content consisted of straightforward and factual information which is on the public record.

The Australian Prime Ministers Centre exhibition was designed to give visitors a brief overview of the life and achievements of each Prime Minister. The information panel is only one element of the representation of each Prime Minister. It is supplemented by a short audio-visual presentation along with an associated object which was selected and lent by Mr Howard.