

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2010

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Accessibility to some websites**

Question: **P 11**

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**Mr Thompson**—We used one particular provider to give us the service against those criteria for quite a period and then we changed provider during 2009. I cannot recall exactly when.

**Mr Kenny**—That was 2009.

**Senator RYAN**—Could you take on notice and table for the committee the criteria by which—or the brief—you have asked websites to be blocked, so that I might have a chance to look at that?

#### Answer

1 The web filtering software for DPS has a standard set of categories of websites to block.

2 The categories are:

- (a) **“Computers/Harmful”** which includes websites that can be harmful or annoying to the visiting computer. These include advertisements, hacking, password cracking applications, potentially malicious software, and spyware.
- (b) **“Adult”** which includes adult/mature content, gambling, illegal drugs, pornography, violence/hate/racism and weapons.
- (c) **“Social”** which includes games.