

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: PH Open Day
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Senator HUMPHRIES: Why can't we have an open day every year? It is a very popular event, isn't it? ...
Mr Kenny: Senator, can I provide you with some numbers on notice? ... I have a recollection of a submission or a report which said we did an open day and it cost this much extra, and there were numbers. I will provide those numbers on notice.

Answer

Attendance figures for Open Day since 2001 are shown in the table below:

May 2001	3,886
July 2002	7,142
July 2003	6,721
July 2004	5,614
October 2005	3,734
May 2008	6,945
September 2010	5,050

In 2006, the Presiding Officers determined that Open Days would be held every second year.

The Open Day scheduled for 2007 was cancelled (due to a double booking of the Great Hall), with the next Open Day scheduled for 2008.