

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

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Accessibility to PH**  
Question: **59**  
Hansard reference **F&PA p.32, 21 May 2012**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 6 July 2012**

**Senator FIFIELD:** In the budget there was \$2.6 million over four years to undertake capital works to improve accessibility to Parliament House. Is this \$2.6 million to build upon work which has already been planned and has already been commenced, or is this for new works? Obviously it is new works, but is it a continuation of a current program?

**Mr Grove:** It is for new works, enhancing programs such as security disability programs which have already been completed. In a sense I suppose it is covering some areas that have been identified in the past as needing upgrading in terms of bringing the building up to a reasonable standard in relation to disability.

**Senator FIFIELD:** Can you quickly take me through what the works are?

**Mr Grove:** There was a much broader program for disability. There was a request for funding, which was not secured. As a consequence of that, given the limited amount of money made available, a decision had to be taken as to which things you do first in which years. ... It was principally related to public areas as opposed to private areas.

**Mr Kenny:** We can table the details, but in summary the available money will enable us to do what we have assessed as the higher priorities. Not all the work that has been identified as desirable will be able to be funded.

**Senator FIFIELD:** If you could table that.

**Mr Kenny:** Yes.

**Senator FIFIELD:** Thank you for that.

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**Senator FIFIELD:** In terms of the works that will be undertaken, can you also provide what consultation mechanism you will have in place with the relevant stakeholders in the disability sector.

**Mr Kenny:** Yes.

## Answer

The table below provides a list of the work to improve accessibility to be conducted each year.

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**Planned Disability NPP Funded Program of Works, 2012 to 2016**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Priority of item</b>	<b>Works Item</b>	<b>Public/ Staff area</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
2012-13	1	Part 1—Public Main Carpark Ramp / Patron Access from Buses. Works contained to within carpark.	Public	
		<b>FY2012-13 Total</b>		\$323,000
2013-14	1	Part 2—Public Main Carpark Ramp / Patron Access from Buses. Works in carpark and on Fed Mall.	Public	
	18	Public Carpark main stair handrail and carpark step upgrade 14.B.504 and 14.B.505	Public	
	3	Security Magnetometer	Public	
	4	Entry Signage	Public	
		<b>FY2013-14 Total</b>		\$725,000
2014-15	4	Entry Signage	Public	
	5	Basement Public Lift Buttons	Public	
	6	Public Entry Matting	Public	
	7	Hearing Loop Upgrade—Committee Rooms	Public	
	9	Hearing Loop New—Great Hall	Public	
	10	Hearing Loop New—Information Desk Marble Foyer	Public	
	11	Hearing Loop Upgrade—Gallery Spaces	Public	
	14	Roof Lift Lobby Doors	Public	
	15	Disabled Toilets Main Entry Ground	Public	
	<b>FY2014-15 Total</b>		\$747,000	
2015-16	15	Disabled Toilets Main Entry Ground	Public	
	22	Disabled Toilet Doors in Public main carpark basement	Public	
	31	Roof Grassed Area Roof Viewing Platforms Steps	Public	
	40	Installation of four kerb ramps on Parliament Drive	Public	
	21	Public Entrance Marble Flooring	Public	
	32	Queen's Terrace Plaque Tripping Hazard	Public	
	36	Hearing Loop New—Security Desk Marble Foyer	Public	
	39	Hearing Loop New—Post Office Counter	Public	
	46	Parliament Shop Accessibility	Public	
	<b>FY2015-16 Total</b>		\$785,000	
		<b>Grand total</b>		<b>\$2,580,000</b>