

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Speaker's Chair and Speaker's Table

Question: 69

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Senator FAULKNER: ... So explain to me what the \$280,000 was for. What are the elements of that—Speaker's chair, Speaker's table?

Mr Tate: Yes, Speaker's chair, Speaker's desk, the main table, IT and power reticulation, distinguished visitors galleries—they added to the opposition and government sides with new chairs fabricated and installed and some console tables and drinks tables at the rear of the chamber.

Senator FAULKNER: Can you disaggregate that for me, please? What I would like to know is how much was spent on the Speaker's chair of the \$280,000 and how much was spent on the Speaker's table—because it was not \$5,000 at all, which was the first figure I was given; it was a lot more, was it not?

Mr Tate: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator FAULKNER: Yes, but it is a lot more, is it not, Mr Tate? This is one of the problems with the answer given at this committee by the Department of Parliamentary Services.

Mr Tate: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

See response to Question 64.