

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Contract no. CN1296431—Yoga Classes**

Question: **96**

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013

Senator RYAN: Is this the sort of contract for which there is a cost to the taxpayer or is it merely payment of costs recouped from people using the facility?

... When you take this on notice, could you also take on notice whether or not the cost was recovered by DPS? There may have been a cost to DPS or there may not have been—there may have been a profit to DPS.

... But here we have a specific contract for yoga classes. I was wondering whether or not there was a cost for that or whether you might have taken in exactly that amount in revenue and were just passing it through as the contracting agent to the people providing the class.

Answer

The gym at Parliament House is provided for the use of building occupants on a membership or casual basis. A range of classes are provided as part of the service and this includes yoga classes.

Yoga classes are open to gym members and to those who want to attend on a casual basis. For gym members, there are no additional costs associated with attendance at class. Those that join the class on a casual basis pay \$10 per class.

The 12-month contract provides for a fee of \$100 per class to be paid to the contractor.

During the period from March 2013 to May 2013, 20 yoga classes were run. In that period, 167 gym members and five casuals attended yoga classes.