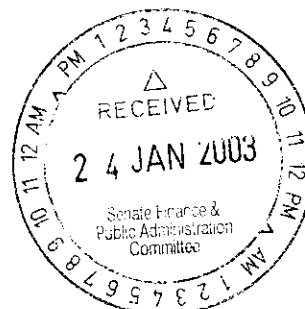




DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee
The Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Attention: Alistair Sands

Dear Mr Sands

I am writing concerning the answer the Department of Finance and Administration provided to a Question on Notice asked by Senator the Hon John Faulkner in the course of the examination of the Department's Additional Estimates 2001-2002 by the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee in February 2002.

Senator Faulkner sought details of expenditure by Members on the Printing Entitlement in the calendar year 2001. His question was how many Members spent in excess of \$100,000, \$200,000, \$300,000 and \$400,000.

The answer given was accurate at the time it was prepared.

Since that time further accounts have been processed and the final figures are as follows:

- number of Members whose expenditure was between \$400,000 and \$500,000 1
- number of Members whose expenditure was between \$300,000 and \$400,000 3
- number of Members whose expenditure was between \$200,000 and \$300,000 14
- number of Members whose expenditure was between \$100,000 and \$200,000 32

As noted above the answer provided on 5 April 2002 was correct at the time it was prepared and in the normal course there may be no need to provide an update of this nature. However, since this is an issue in which the Committee has shown a significant interest it is desirable that the update be provided at this stage to avoid possible confusion at later hearings.

Yours sincerely

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