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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Brown asked: "How many Chinese personnel were within the HOR galleries during President Hu's speech?"

Answer: It is not known exactly how many "Chinese personnel" were within the House of Representatives' galleries at any given time during President Hu's speech.

President Hu's immediate entourage consisted of 69 people, including support staff (33); Security & Medical Officers (22); and Media (8). There were also 15 officers from the Chinese Embassy and eleven officers from the Chinese Consulate-General as well as

- two officers from the Press Office of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government,
- twenty-three Chinese media not travelling as part of the Presidential delegation, and
- an unknown number of invited guests from the Chinese diplomatic and expatriate community.

The majority of the above mentioned persons would have had access to or been in the House of Representatives' galleries during President Hu's speech.