



Parliament of Australia
Department of Parliamentary Services

10 May 2004

Mr. Alistair Sands
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sands

Answer to Written QoN P15 – November 2003

1 I am writing about written questions on notice asked by Senator Faulkner in November 2003, as follows:

QoN P15/1 How many times has Mural Hall been hired in the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, and who by?

QoN P15/2 What individual, Department, agency, organisation or business paid for each function in the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003?

2 The original response to that question provided by the Joint House Department (JHD) advised that due to Information Privacy Principle No.11 of the *Privacy Act 1988*, JHD was unable to disclose client names relating to events managed through the catering contractor, Hyatt Hotel Canberra.

3 In the course of preparing an answer to a similar question asked since that response was given, this department has sought specific advice from the Privacy Commissioner about the operation of the Information Privacy Principles. We have now concluded that the 2003 answer to Senator Faulkner's questions was based on a misunderstanding of the applicable privacy rules.

4 Accordingly, I now attach a revised answer to Senator Faulkner's questions.

5 I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the original answer.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Penfold QC
Secretary

SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Notice given 3 November 2003

DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES (formerly Joint House Department)

Question: P15/1, P15/2

Topic: Functions held in the Mural Hall, Parliament House

Hansard page: N/A—Written question on notice

Senator Faulkner asked:

1. How many times has Mural Hall been hired in the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, and who by?
2. What individual, Department, agency, organisation or business paid for each function in the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003?

Answer:

The original answer to these questions excluded the names of hirers of the Mural Hall on the basis of the operation of the Information Privacy Principles under the *Privacy Act 1988*. It now appears that the privacy requirements were misapplied to this answer.

A new version of the table originally provided, with the names of hirers included, is attached.

Events in Mural Hall 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

<i>Date by Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
<i>July 2001</i>					
	7/07/2001	Mural Hall	Fabric Services	Maintenace & Refurbishment	Not Catered
	8/07/2001	Mural Hall	Fabric Services	Maintnenance & Refurbishment	Not Catered
	12/07/2001	Mural Hall	Fabric Services	Maintainenance &	Not Catered
	31/07/2001	Mural Hall	Fabric Services	Maintenance & Refurbishment	Not Catered
				<i>Total Events for Month:</i>	4
<i>August 2001</i>					
	2/08/2001	Mural Hall	Fabric Services	Maintenance & Refurbishment	Not Catered
	5/08/2001	Mural Hall	Australian Industry Group	Set up for Forum on 6.8.01	Hyatt
	6/08/2001	Mural Hall	Australian Industry Group	Forum	Hyatt
	7/08/2001	Mural Hall	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Launch	Hyatt
	8/08/2001	Mural Hall	JHD Visitor Services	Cocktail Party - Canberra Tourism	Hyatt

Date by Month

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
8/08/2001	Mural Hall	Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Launch	Hyatt
14/08/2001	Mural Hall	GBA Communications for Aged & Community Services Aust (ACSA)	Media Conference	Hyatt
30/08/2001	Mural Hall/Reps Alcove	The Good Guides Group	Award Presentation - University of the Year	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 8

September 2001

7/09/2001	Mural Hall	Capital Hill Singers	Rehearsal for CPA Conference	Not Catered
9/09/2001	Mural Hall	Commonwealth Parliamentary Assoc	Conference	Hyatt
10/09/2001	Mural Hall	Commonwealth Parliamentary Assoc	Conference	Hyatt
11/09/2001	Mural Hall	Commonwealth Parliamentary Assoc	Conference	Hyatt
12/09/2001	Mural Hall	Commonwealth Parliamentary Assoc	Conference	Hyatt
13/09/2001	Mural Hall	Commonwealth Parliamentary Assoc	Conference	Hyatt
14/09/2001	Mural Hall	Commonwealth Parliamentary Assoc	Conference	Hyatt
17/09/2001	Mural Hall	Parliamentary Christian Fellowship	Luncheon	Hyatt

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	18/09/2001	Mural Hall	Department of the Senate	Launch of Australian 'Senate Practice'	Hyatt
	18/09/2001	Mural Hall & Various	Department of Education, Training & Youth Affairs	National Youth Round Table	Hyatt
	19/09/2001	Mural Hall & Various	Department of Education, Training & Youth Affairs	National Youth Round Table	Hyatt
	26/09/2001	Mural Hall	National Health & Medical Research Council	Health Volunteer Awards	Hyatt
	26/09/2001	Mural Hall	Probus Assoc of Canberra	Probus Rendezvous	Hyatt
	27/09/2001	Mural Hall	The Hon John Anderson MP	Launch & Morning Tea	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 14

October 2001

	17/10/2001	Mural Hall	Sen Minchin - CSIRO	Meeting & Lunch	Hyatt
	18/10/2001	Mural Hall	Australian Institute of Criminology	Awards Presentation	Hyatt
	18/10/2001	Mural Hall	Madam President and the Clerk of the House of Representatives	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	20/10/2001	Mural Hall	Aust Local Government Women's Association	Dinner	Hyatt
	23/10/2001	Mural Hall	Micro Business Network - Office of McFarlane	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt

Date by Month

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
25/10/2001	Mural Hall	Australian Sports Commission	Active Australia Awards	Hyatt
31/10/2001	Mural Hall	Safeskies	Conference Dinner	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 7

November 2001

6/11/2001	Mural Hall	Mr Ross Cameron MP	Dinner	Hyatt
13/11/2001	Mural Hall	PEO	Launch of 'House at Work' Publication	Not Catered
14/11/2001	Mural Hall	Auditor-General's Office	Launch	Hyatt
20/11/2001	Mural Hall	Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) & Aust Chamber of Comm.	Breakfast - Aust Export Awards Finalists	Hyatt
23/11/2001	Mural Hall	The Hon Sen Vanstone	Meeting	Not Catered
24/11/2001	Mural Hall	National Council for the Centenary of Federation	Dinner & Workshop	Hyatt
25/11/2001	Mural Hall/QTG/QT	National Council for the Centenary of Federation	Cocktail Receptions as part of the finale to Peoplescape	Hyatt
29/11/2001	Mural Hall	Senator Meg Lees	Media Conference	Not Catered

Total Events for Month: 8

December 2001

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Date by Month

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
4/12/2001	Mural Hall	Office of Dr Kemp	Lunch	Hyatt
5/12/2001	Mural Hall	PEO	Presentation & Coffee	Hyatt
14/12/2001	Mural Hall	Secretary JHD	Address to Staff	Not Catered

Total Events for Month: 3

January 2002

25/01/2002	Mural Hall	DPRS	Coffee Break	Hyatt
29/01/2002	Mural Hall	Clerk of the Senate for AnZaCat	Lunch	Hyatt
31/01/2002	Mural Hall	PRO	Lunch for new MPs	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 3

February 2002

18/02/2002	Mural Hall	Qantas Airways Limited	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
19/02/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Vaile MP	Cocktail Reception & Launch	Hyatt
21/02/2002	Mural Hall	Australian Medical Association Ltd	Breakfast	Hyatt

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Date by Month***March 2002***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
19/03/2002	Mural Hall	Department of Environment & Heritage	Launch	Hyatt
19/03/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade	Cocktail Reception for the Council on Latin American-Australia Relations	Hyatt
19/03/2002	Mural Hall	Senator Lees	Lunch	Hyatt
20/03/2002	Mural Hall	Presiding Officers' Function	Install podium	Not Catered
20/03/2002	Mural Hall	Dept Family & Comm Services	Youth Round Table Wet Weather Venue	Hyatt
20/03/2002	Mural Hall	Australian Film Commission	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
21/03/2002	Mural Hall	Dept Family & Comm Services	Youth Round Table Wet Weather Venue	Hyatt
22/03/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of Treasury	Lunch	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 8

April 2002

5/04/2002	Mural Hall & PDRs	CERHOS	Lunch	Hyatt
23/04/2002	Mural Hall/PDR 1	Conference Logistics	Forum	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 2

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Date by Month***May 2002***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
2/05/2002	Mural Hall	Institution of Engineers	Luncheon	Hyatt
13/05/2002	Mural Hall	Australian Paper Industry Council (APIC)	Launch	Hyatt
14/05/2002	Mural Hall	Dr Brendan Nelson	Budget Night Dinner	Hyatt
15/05/2002	Mural Hall	Australian Associations of Christian Schools	National Conference 2002 Dinner	Hyatt
17/05/2002	Mural Hall & MCR	Parliamentary Education Office	Conference	Hyatt
22/05/2002	Mural Hall	CERHOS	Coffee Break - President of Portugal	Hyatt
24/05/2002	Mural Hall	Senator Brown	Coffee Break	Hyatt
24/05/2002	Theatre & Mural Hall	Australian Medical Association	Presentation & Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
25/05/2002	Mural Hall	The Institution of Surveyors Aust	Dinner	Hyatt
30/05/2002	Mural Hall	The Hon Ian McFarlane for the P.M.	Media Briefing	Not Catered
31/05/2002	Mural Hall	NACCHO	Launch	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 11

Date by Month***June 2002***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
3/06/2002	Mural Hall	Tourism Training Australia	Launch	Hyatt
5/06/2002	Mural Hall	New Industries Development Program (NIDP)	Dinner	Hyatt
17/06/2002	Mural Hall	Office of the Minister for Health & Ageing	Meeting	Hyatt
18/06/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of the House of Reps	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
19/06/2002	Mural Hall	Macquarie Bank	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
20/06/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Senator Lees	Lunch	Hyatt
24/06/2002	Mural Hall	Rio Tinto Aust Science Olympiads	Annual Dinner	Hyatt
25/06/2002	Mural Hall	MacSween Communications	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
26/06/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Truss MP	Launch	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 9***Event Grand Total:*** 80

Events in Mural Hall 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

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<i>July 2002</i>					
	3/07/2002	Mural Hall	DPRS, PISO Help Desk	Farewell	Self Catered
	13/07/2002	Mural Hall	JHD Marketing Services	P H Open Day	Not Catered
				<i>Total Events for Month:</i>	2
<i>August 2002</i>					
	1/08/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of Transport & Regional Services	Ministerial Launch of the Commonwealth Regional Information Service Campaign.	Hyatt
	9/08/2002	Mural Hall	Marconi Australia Pty Limited	Luncheon	Hyatt
	19/08/2002	Mural Hall	Australian Industries Group	Lunch	Hyatt
	20/08/2002	Mural Hall	Parliamentary Education Office	Lunch	Hyatt
	20/08/2002	Mural Hall	Beef Australia Inc	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	21/08/2002	Mural Hall	Insurance Council of Australia	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	22/08/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Warren Truss MP	Awards Presentation	Hyatt

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	23/08/2002	Mural Hall	Immigration, Multicultural & Indigenous Affairs	Launch	Hyatt
	28/08/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Senator Stephens	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	28/08/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of Immigration & Multicultural & Indigenous Affairs	Launch	Hyatt
	30/08/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Minister Downer MP	Coffee Break	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 11

September 2002

	16/09/2002	Mural Hall	National Association of Forest Industries	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	17/09/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Mr M Vaile MP	Lunch	Hyatt
	19/09/2002	Mural Hall	Bureau of Rural Sciences	Launch	Hyatt
	24/09/2002	Mural Hall	Institute of Chartered Accountants	Lunch	Hyatt
	25/09/2002	Mural Hall	Minister Tony Abbott MP	Indigenous Employment, Corporate Leaders Dinner	Hyatt
	26/09/2002	Mural Hall	Minister Joe Hockey MP	Lunch & Cocktail Reception	Hyatt

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October 2002

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	9/10/2002	Mural Hall	Capital Public Affairs Consultants	Launch	Hyatt
	10/10/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Alan Cadman MP	Lunch	Hyatt
	14/10/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Warren Truss MP	Lunch	Hyatt
	14/10/2002	Mural Hall	European Australian Business Council	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	15/10/2002	Mural Hall	University of Melbourne	Melbourne Institute Public Economics Forum	Hyatt
	16/10/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Cameron Thompson MP	Dinner	Hyatt
	17/10/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade - Historical Documents Unit	Launch	Hyatt
	17/10/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Senator the Hon R Hill	Coffee Break	Hyatt
	18/10/2002	Mural Hall	Australia LNG	Dinner	Hyatt
	21/10/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Senator Marise Payne	Dinner	Hyatt
	21/10/2002	Mural Hall/Reps Alcove	Parliamentary Christian Fellowship	National Prayer Luncheon	Hyatt
	23/10/2002	Mural Hall	Discovering Democracy - National Curriculum Services	Hon Dr Brendan Nelson	Hyatt

Date by Month

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23/10/2002	Mural Hall	Australian Council for Infrastructure Development Ltd (AusCID)	Dinner	Hyatt
24/10/2002	Mural Hall	Aust Institute of Criminology	Presentation	Hyatt
24/10/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Ms Ellis MP	Breakfast	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 15

November 2002

1/11/2002	Mural Hall	DPRS	Farewell Morning Tea	Not Catered
8/11/2002	Mural Hall	National Office for the Information Economy	Setup for E-Government Week Exhibition	Hyatt
9/11/2002	Mural Hall	National Office for the Information Economy	Setup for E-Government Week Exhibition	Hyatt
10/11/2002	Mural Hall	National Office for the Information Economy	Setup for E-Government Week Exhibition	Hyatt
11/11/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Minister Alston	Meeting	Hyatt
11/11/2002	Mural Hall	Office of the Minister for Communications, IT & the Arts	Egovernment Week Showcase Event	Hyatt
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13/11/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Minister Alston	Meeting	Hyatt
14/11/2002	Mural Hall	Office of the Minister for Communications, IT & the Arts	Egovernment Week Showcase Event	Hyatt
14/11/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Minister Alston	Meeting	Hyatt
19/11/2002	Mural Hall	Minister Ian MacFarlane MP	Launch of the Pharmaceutical Industry Action Agenda	Not Catered
20/11/2002	Mural Hall	Horizon Public Relations for AusAid	Lunch as part of Launch	Hyatt
26/11/2002	Mural Hall	Karabar High School	Seminar	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 14

December 2002

2/12/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Mr S Ciobo	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
2/12/2002	Mural Hall	Office of Mr G Hardgrave	Lunch	Hyatt
3/12/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of Education, Science & Training	Cocktail Reception & Lunch	Hyatt
3/12/2002	Mural Hall	Burson-Marsteller	Breakfast	Hyatt
3/12/2002	Mural Hall	Australian Services Union (ASU)	Dinner	Hyatt

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	4/12/2002	Mural Hall	Parl Education Office	National History Challenge	Hyatt
	4/12/2002	Mural Hall	Hyatt Staff Private Functions 2002	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	5/12/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of Family & Community Services	Reception	Hyatt
	6/12/2002	Mural Hall/PDRs	CERHOS	Lunch	Hyatt
	7/12/2002	Mural Hall	Monash University	Dinner	Hyatt
	11/12/2002	Mural Hall	Farmsafe Australia Inc	Launch	Hyatt
	13/12/2002	Mural Hall	Joint House Department	JHD Secretary's Address to Staff	Hyatt
	19/12/2002	Mural Hall	Dept of the Parl Reporting Staff	Coffee Break	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 13

January 2003

	27/01/2003	Mural Hall	Parliamentary Education Office	Setup for Conference	Hyatt
	28/01/2003	Mural Hall	Parliamentary Education Office	Conference	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 2

February 2003

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Date by Month

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Client Name</i>	<i>Type of event</i>	<i>Catered</i>
5/02/2003	Mural Hall	Minister Amanda Vanstone	Launch of website	Hyatt
11/02/2003	Mural Hall	Office of Mr W Truss	Press Conference	Not Catered

Total Events for Month: 2

March 2003

3/03/2003	Mural Hall	Cattle Council of Australia	Launch	Hyatt
6/03/2003	Mural Hall	Australian Medical Association Limited	Breakfast	Hyatt
6/03/2003	PDRs/Mural Hall	Office of Senator the Hon Judith Troeth	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
18/03/2003	Mural Hall	Australian Film Commission	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
18/03/2003	Mural Hall	Office of Tony Abbott MP	Morning Tea	Hyatt
20/03/2003	Mural Hall	Department of Education, Science & Training	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
20/03/2003	Theatre/Mural Hall	Commonwealth Dept of Family & Community Services	National Youth Roundtable + Lunch	Hyatt
26/03/2003	Mural Hall	National Curriculum Services	Convention	Hyatt
26/03/2003	Mural Hall	Master Builders Association of the ACT	Buffet	Hyatt

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	27/03/2003	Mural Hall	National Capital Authority	Launch	Hyatt
	28/03/2003	PDRs/Mural Hall	Department of the Treasury	Lunch	Hyatt
				<i>Total Events for Month:</i>	11
<i>April 2003</i>	30/04/2003	Mural Hall	Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff	Afternoon Tea	Hyatt
				<i>Total Events for Month:</i>	1
<i>May 2003</i>	8/05/2003	Mural Hall	Parliamentary Relations Office	Lunch	Hyatt
	13/05/2003	Mural Hall	Office of the Hon Dr Brendan Nelson MP	Dinner	Hyatt
	14/05/2003	Mural Hall	Australian Institute of Company Directors	Setup for events on 15 & 16 May	Hyatt
	15/05/2003	Mural Hall	Australian Institute of Company Directors	Conference Start, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea	Hyatt
	16/05/2003	Mural Hall	Australian Institute of Company Directors	Lunch 12.30, Afternoon tea 15.30, Conference close 17.20	Hyatt
	27/05/2003	Mural Hall	Geoscience Australia	Launch	Hyatt
	27/05/2003	Mural Hall	Austrade	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt

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	29/05/2003	Mural Hall	Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade - Historical Documents Unit	Morning Tea	Hyatt

Total Events for Month: 8

June 2003

	4/06/2003	Mural Hall	Australian Council for the Arts	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	4/06/2003	Mural Hall	Senator Robert Hill	Welcome Home	Hyatt
	10/06/2003	Mural Hall	Minister Alexander Downer MP	Afternoon Tea	Hyatt
	16/06/2003	Mural Hall	Office of National Assessments	Dinner	Hyatt
	16/06/2003	Mural Hall	Parliamentary Education Office	Launch	Hyatt
	17/06/2003	Mural Hall	Investment & Financial Services Association Limited (IFSA)	Cocktail Reception	Hyatt
	19/06/2003	Mural Hall	Dept of Immigration & Multicultural & Indigenous Affairs	Launch	Hyatt
	26/06/2003	Mural Hall	Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing (Blood & Organ Donation Taskforce)	Launch	Hyatt
	26/06/2003	Mural Hall	Office of Hon John Anderson MP	Morning Tea	Hyatt
	30/06/2003	Mural Hall	Office of Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP	Afternoon Tea	Hyatt

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Date by Month

Date

Venue

Client Name

Type of event

Catered

Total Events for Month:

10

Event Grand Total:

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