

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2006

**Question: F32**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Accommodation costs during the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games**

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**Senator Robert Ray asked:**

My next question you might have to take on notice. In Mr Nairn's ministerial circular 06, which referred to the use of entitlements during the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, one aspect was that, because of the increased cost of accommodation during the games, there were special provisions made for staff when staying in Melbourne during that period that exceeded the standard overnight rate of travel allowance payable. I am sure you will have to take this on notice: how many staff put in accommodation claims that were above the standard overnight rate of travel allowance? Could you take that one on notice?

**Answer:**

Between 13 and 26 March 2006, Ministerial and Parliamentary Services processed 47 claims for 33 staff employed under the *Members of Parliament Staff Act 1984* requesting the payment of additional accommodation allowance during the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.