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**Answers to Questions on Notice**

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**Topic: Incident involving journalist 23-Jun-08**

**Question P1, Hansard reference F&PA 8**

**Senator FIFIELD**—Okay. I will continue on that point. In this article, it makes the point:

... usually reporters have been able to walk the corridors of Parliament House as long as they aren't disorderly—

which you say is the case. The article goes on to say:

... yesterday a *Daily Telegraph* journalist was stopped near the House of Representatives entrance and ordered to move on by an attendant who threatened to take away the reporter's pass.

That incident has not come to your attention?

**Mr Thompson**—No, it has not come to my attention. It may well have been an issue that was dealt with directly by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

**Senator FIFIELD**—Is it possible to take on notice whether there was such an incident?

**Mr Thompson**—We can ask for any information they might have.

**Answer**

1 There was an incident on 23 June 2008, and it was handled by the Serjeant-at-Arms.