

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee— Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2008

Parliament Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Senate Estimates Training.

Question P5, Hansard reference F&PA 13

Senator RONALDSON—Senate estimates training?

Mr Kenny—Not external, but we encourage new SES officers to go on Australian Public Service Commission courses, which are multifaceted and they sometimes include some advice on attendance at estimates committees—though I am pretty sure it has not happened this calendar year.

Senator RONALDSON—What is the nature of those courses?

Mr Kenny—It is a lot of years since I have been on a course such as that, but it is just general advice on attendance at committees.

Senator RONALDSON—Can you take on notice for me which departmental staff have sought that training?

Mr Kenny—I could tell you whether or not they have been to any training this calendar year.

Senator RONALDSON—Yes.

Answer

1 As at 29 October 2008, no DPS officer had attended specific Senate Estimates training during the 2008 calendar year.

