

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2009
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Passholder access to sliproads

Question P3

Hansard reference F&PA 10, 19 October 2009

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 4 December 2009

Senator FERGUSON— ...Why would 39 staff of members of parliament be issued with passes that activate bollards?...

Senator Hogg—The only thing I can surmise is that they are the [staff] of shadow ministers. That is the only thing I can surmise, but we can take that on notice and have it looked into for you.

Answer

a. Under the pass policy, bollard access requests for passholders require approval by the Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant-at-Arms. Some staff of Senators and Members have been granted bollard access to allow them to carry out duties such as facilitating access for visitors (including committee witnesses) who have specific mobility needs.