

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10 —October 2009

Questions on Notice (QON) index—Parliamentary portfolio

Answers to the QON taken or submitted during the Supplementary Estimates hearings, are due on Friday 4 December 2009.

QON No.	Department	Senator	Reference	Question
P1	Senate	Bernardi	Hansard 19/10/09 Page 4	<p>Senator BERNARDI—...The annual report said 37 assets could not be located in the annual stock take in June 2009. Four of these were failed from the previous one. Mr Evans?</p> <p>Mr Evans—No. The stock take would be with the Black Rod.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Four have been written off. Have you located any of the other missing assets?</p> <p>Mr Hallett—Yes. My understanding is we have managed to locate more of the assets, but perhaps if I took that on notice I could give you a breakdown of where we are at today, because this is a snapshot as at 30 June.</p>
P2	Senate	Bernardi	Hansard 19/10/09 Page 4	<p>Senator BERNARDI—But you are confident [centralised information database technical complications] they will be resolved by the end of the year?</p> <p>Mr Elliott—Very confident, yes.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—On schedule and on budget?</p> <p>Mr Elliott—Yes. The budget for it has been very reasonable. I do not have those budgetary figures here, but I could provide those on notice.</p>
P3	DPS	Bernardi	Hansard 19/10/09 Page 10	<p>Senator FERGUSON— ...Why would 39 staff of members of parliament be issued with passes that activate bollards?...</p> <p>Senator Hogg—The only thing I can surmise is that they are the stuff 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.</p>
P4	DPS	Bernardi	Hansard 19/10/09 Page 17	<p>Senator BERNARDI—I will address this to you, Mr Thompson. It is in regard to the 2020 service. Whenever we wanted to make an application to install new software on a PC we used to go through 2020 and approvals used to come reasonably quickly. There now seems to be a delay in receiving these approvals and I was advised that all requests now have to go to the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Is that correct? ...</p>

				<p>Mr Kenny—Are you talking about a request to install software in an electorate office?</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Kenny—Can I take that on notice, because I am not sitting here conscious of a decision having been made?</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I understand that and I think it is a terrific thing, but from my experience in the past you would submit a request to 2020 and you would get it very quickly. Upon inquiring as to why there had been increasing delays in receiving the response, I was advised that it now has to go to the department of finance for approval. If that is correct, I am wondering why there was a change in process. What were the objectives of the change in process? Can you enlighten me?</p> <p>Mr Kenny—As I said, we will have to take that on notice and do some checking.</p>
P5	DPS	Bernardi	Hansard 19/10/09 Page	<p>Senator BERNARDI—Part of your consultation was an online survey for redesigning the website. . . . How many responses did you receive to that?</p> <p>Ms Missingham—I will have to get back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I asked you this at the last estimates, and you told me it was 702 thus far.</p> <p>Ms Missingham—Yes.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I thought you would have just brought that information with you.</p> <p>Ms Missingham—I should have.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—So will you be able to tell me how many responses you have had in total?</p> <p>Ms Missingham—Yes.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—I am interested in how many of those responses were from members of the public versus those who are involved in the parliamentary process, as staffers and politicians and so on. If you can break that down for me, that would be interesting.</p> <p>Ms Missingham—Yes</p>
P6	DPS	Bernardi	Hansard 19/10/09 Page 23	<p>Senator BERNARDI—Are there any ongoing costs associated with the contract [for the new Hansard production system]? Is it an ongoing service contract?</p> <p>Ms Lynch—It will include an annual maintenance cost. I do not have those figures with me here, but I can certainly get those for you.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI—You will take them on notice? That would be great. Thank you.</p>
P7 (a-b)	DPS	Fifield	Written	See below
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P9 (a-b)	DPS	Ronaldson	Written	See below

Written Questions on Notice

**Department of Parliamentary Services
Building and Occupant Services**

P7(a-b) (Senator Fifield)

2009 DPS Customer Survey:

- a) Have the results of that survey been compiled?
- b) Have the results of that survey been released?

P8(a-d) (Senator Fifield)

Regarding question

44. Do you have any suggestions to improve Parliament House facilities for those with disabilities?"

- a) How many respondents completed this question?
- b) What suggestions were made?
- c) Have any suggestions been accepted by DPS and will be implemented?
- d) Has DPS conducted a survey using a similar question for visitors to Parliament House?

P9 (Senator Ronaldson)

- a) Has there been any damage reported to Suite MG-8 since February 2009?
- b) If so, can the committee please be provided with details of the damage that occurred and any associated repair costs?