

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2010

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: HMC portraits

Question: P 5

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Senator FAULKNER—You might explain to me how Sir Earle Page fits into the most recent 16, by the way. I will be very interested to hear that.

CHAIR—Excuse me. I thought we had just finished.

Senator FAULKNER—That is just an aside as the witness leaves the table.

CHAIR—I think Mr Thompson heard the request, and if you could reply in writing to Senator Faulkner on that it would be appreciated.

Answer

1 The 16 former Prime Ministers of Australia whose portraits are on display in Members' Hall (excluding Mr Rudd whose portrait has not yet been painted) are listed below. They are listed in reverse chronological order, which is the order of hanging applied in Members' Hall.

Howard, the Hon. John Winston

Keating, the Hon. Paul John

Hawke, the Hon. Robert James Lee, AC

Fraser, the Rt Hon. John Malcolm, AC, CH

Whitlam, the Hon. Edward Gough, AC, QC

McMahon, the Rt Hon. William, CH (later Sir William, GCMG)

Gorton, the Rt Hon. John Grey, CH (later Sir John, GCMG, AC)

McEwen, the Rt Hon. John (later Sir John, GCMG, CH)

Holt, the Rt Hon. Harold Edward, CH

Menzies, the Rt Hon. Robert Gordon, KC (later Sir Robert, KT, CH, QC)¹

Chifley, the Rt Hon. Joseph Benedict

Forde, the Rt Hon. Francis Michael

Curtin, the Rt Hon. John Joseph Ambrose

Fadden, the Rt Hon. Arthur William (later Sir Arthur, GCMG)

Page, the Rt Hon. Sir Earle Christmas Grafton, GCMG, CH

Scullin, the Rt Hon. James Henry²

¹ Sir Robert Menzies served as Prime Minister twice, but there is only one portrait of him, and its hanging position reflects his second term as Prime Minister.

² Joseph Lyons was the Prime Minister before Earle Page and after James Scullin, however, his portrait is too large to hang in Members' Hall, so the portrait of Mr Scullin has been hung instead. The portrait of Mr Lyons is on loan to Old Parliament House and is displayed in Kings Hall.