

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 18-19 OCTOBER 2010**

**PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS**

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1a	DPS	Bernardi	Suite MG8	<p><b>Senator BERNARDI</b>—Thank you, Mr Thompson. Has there been any damage reported to suite MG8 since May 2010?</p> <p>...</p>	18/10/2010 p. 9	26/11/10	
1b	DPS	Bernardi	Suite MG8	<p><b>Senator BERNARDI</b>—What about prior to that date? Have there been any repairs required in suite MG8 back to the election of the government in 2007?</p> <p><b>Mr Kenny</b>—I do recall this question being asked at previous estimates going back many many years and my recollection of the answers from the last couple of times was that there was nothing other than routine maintenance.</p> <p><b>Senator BERNARDI</b>—Mr Kenny, perhaps you could just confirm your recollections for me and take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Kenny</b>—Yes, we can do that.</p>	18/10/2010 pp. 9-10	26/11/10	
1c	DPS	Bernardi	Suite MG8	<p><b>Senator BERNARDI</b>—And if there have been any repairs outside of routine maintenance then I would be interested in what has occurred, how it occurred and the associated costs.</p> <p><b>Mr Kenny</b>—I am pretty confident that there has been nothing but routine.</p> <p><b>Senator BERNARDI</b>—If you could take that on notice, that would be great. Mr Thompson, I will address my next question to you again. It goes to what I will call the operations room that has been constructed. Would that be best addressed to you?</p>	18/10/2010 p. 10	26/11/10	
2	DPS	Faulkner		<p><b>Ms Scroope</b>—In recent times—and you are testing my memory now—the first portrait of former Prime Minister Fraser that was done was rejected and a new portrait was done and the first portrait of the former Governor-General Sir John Kerr that was done was rejected and a new portrait was done. There were some other examples I think from the 1920s and 1930s.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—So who rejected them? Was it the majority of the Historic Memorials Committee?</p> <p><b>Ms Scroope</b>—Yes, I believe in both cases it was. Also part of the vetting process involves referral to the visual arts board of the Australia Council. They may have also been consulted and confirmed the rejection. I would have to check our records.</p>	18/10/2010 p. 19	26/11/10	

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3	DPS	Faulkner		<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Kerr was dead by the time his portrait went up, wasn't he?</p> <p><b>Ms Scroope</b>—I think so, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—So obviously he did not object.</p> <p><b>Ms Scroope</b>—No, actually I could not say for certain. I would have to check that. I think the first portrait was finished while he was still alive and he did not have any objections to it.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—But someone else did?</p> <p><b>Ms Scroope</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Do we know who?</p> <p><b>Ms Scroope</b>—I believe it was the committee, but I would have to check that.</p>	18/10/2010 p. 19	26/11/10	
4a	DPS	Kroger		<p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—Thanks, Chair. This is on the same sort of issue. I am interested in the number of policy briefs that the Library was requested to do during a couple of periods—firstly, between 28 June and 16 July.</p> <p><b>Ms Missingham</b>—Are those all inquiries that we answered from clients, senators and members, during that period?</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—From senators and members on policy briefs essentially.</p> <p><b>Ms Missingham</b>—The Library provides a lot of work to do that, so we would not differentiate between policy and non-policy. I could give you the number of client inquiries handled in that 2½ week period.</p>	18/10/2010 p.21	26/11/10	
4b	DPS	Kroger		<p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—Secondly, between 17 July and 21 August, which was during the election campaign itself.</p> <p><b>Ms Missingham</b>—Yes, I can give you those statistics. I will have to come back to you on those.</p>	18/10/2010 p.21	26/11/10	
4c	DPS	Kroger		<p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—Could you also provide a breakdown by party, in terms of whom they were provided for—that is, in terms of that period, for the coalition, the Liberal Party and the National Party, for the Greens or for the Independents.</p> <p><b>Ms Missingham</b>—The allocation of names to individual parties is not completely up to date in the system, so it may take a little bit longer to put that data in.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—If you want to take it on notice, I am happy with that.</p> <p><b>Ms Missingham</b>—That would be good.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER</b>—That is fine.</p>	18/10/2010 p.21	26/11/10	
5	DPS	Faulkner		<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—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.</p> <p><b>CHAIR</b>—Excuse me. I thought we had just finished.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—That is just an aside as the witness leaves the table.</p> <p><b>CHAIR</b>—I think Mr Thompson heard the request, and if you could reply in writing</p>	18/10/2010 p.28	26/11/10	

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				to Senator Faulkner on that it would be appreciated.			
6	DPS	Kroger	News Wire Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please advise what AustTender Contract Notice View CN315142 in the sum of \$291,390 with AAP for “News wire service” entails?</li> <li>b) Is it correct that the contract period extends from 11 Nov 2008 to 20 June 2010, yet, the publish date is 28 July 2010?</li> <li>c) Is this procedure the normal practice of the Department – issuing notices for contracts after they have expired? Under which circumstances can the Department issue notices for contracts after they have expired?</li> <li>d) Does APS currently hold a contract with AAP for news wire services? If yes, please provide details and explain when you will publish this tender</li> </ul>	Written	26/11/10	
7	DPS	Kroger	Capital Hill Early Childhood Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have all 25 available places at Capital Hill Early Childhood Centre been allocated?</li> <li>b) If not – are some kept open for emergency placements of travelling members and staff?</li> <li>c) To whom are the 25 available places allocated? Could you please provide a breakdown for politicians, media staff, EO staffers, APH staffers, Canberra based APS staffers etc.</li> <li>d) Is there a waiting list?</li> <li>e) If so, how long is it?</li> <li>f) How high is the staff turnover rate at the centre?</li> <li>g) How long is the contract with Anglicare?</li> <li>h) What is the procedure for re-tendering this contract?</li> <li>i) Could you please advise on the current fee structure and the opening times?</li> </ul>	Written	26/11/10	
8	DPS	Siewert	Workplace Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many incidents of workplace bullying or intimidation have been reported each year for the past five years?</li> <li>b) How many people have resigned or left the Department due to workplace bullying?</li> <li>c) What programs are in place within the Department to provide assistance to staff that have reported, resigned or left due to bullying?</li> <li>d) What is the uptake of those programs?</li> <li>e) How many disciplinary actions have been undertaken in response to workplace bullying?</li> </ul>	Written	26/11/10	
9	DPS	Bernardi		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that</li> </ul>	Written	26/11/10	

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