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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

Request for additional information

On 17 October 2011 during the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, the Department of Parliamentary Services took on notice a number of questions.

In relation to the recent disposal of billiard tables, Senator Faulkner requested that DPS provide as soon as possible information about the related costs of the disposal. Some of that information was provided during the hearing.

Additional information relating to the costs of auction commission, administration and dismantling and removing the tables is attached. It was not possible to separate the costs associated with the billiard tables with those associated with the pool table.

Answers to other questions taken on notice during that hearing will be provided to you within the usual timeframe for providing additional information following Estimates proceedings.

Yours sincerely

Alan Thompson
Secretary

Direct cost of disposal of billiard and pool tables from Staff Recreation Room 2010

Commission paid to auctioneer ¹	\$1,292.94
Dismantling and removal from staff dining room ²	\$1,665.00
Labour, storage, advertising and administration paid to auctioneer	\$3.00
Item reserve price fees paid to auctioneer	\$54.00
Bidder SMS notifications paid to auctioneer	\$0.40
Total Expenses (GST exclusive)	\$3,015.34

¹ Commission is charged at 18.5%

² Dismantling and removal costs would be incurred regardless of whether the items were sold at auction or removed to storage. The approximate cost of storing two billiard tables is \$960 per annum.