

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2011

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Health and Recreation Centre  
Question: 17 and 18  
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**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2011**

#### **Question 17:**

**Senator RYAN:** I have a couple of quick questions on facilities. I understand that a lot of staff in the building, as part of the collective agreement, have access to the fitness centre.

**Mr Thompson:** Yes, they do.

**Senator RYAN:** Can you provide me, on notice, with the number of people who have effectively no-charge access to the fitness centre?

#### **Question 18:**

**Senator RYAN:** I would ask you to take on notice, if there are arrangements outside DPS, the costs that are reimbursed to you to cover that.

**Mr Kenny:** Sorry, Senator; what was that question?

**Senator RYAN:** If there are departments other than DPS, whether it be chamber or department of finance, that as part of their collective agreements have similar arrangements to you—that is, no-charge access for staff members—what reimbursement do you receive for that?

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**Mr Kenny:** Can I make a quick correction to Senator Ryan. My comment earlier about gym membership, I have just checked and the annual report actually only goes down to other building occupants in total. So we will provide you on notice with the detail of how many are our people and how many are other departments.

## **Answer**

1 At 2 November 2011, there were 317 DPS employees who were receiving Health & Recreation Centre (HRC) membership as part of the DPS enterprise agreement.

2 In addition, there were 33 Department of the Senate staff and 37 House of Representatives staff who were HRC members. These staff pay the membership fee to DPS; but also receive, under the enterprise agreements of their respective departments, an allowance to use on health and wellbeing programs.