

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Security incident
Question: 145
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Senator RYAN: On a sitting day, how many people are there roaming the building, in a security sense, doing periodic checks?

Ms Mills: I have to take on notice the exact number of our staff, but we do roster in all of the areas around staff rotation.

Answer

Each non-sitting day, there are four security patrols operating 24 hours, staffed on a shift basis. At any time, each patrol comprises one Security officer, who patrols an assigned area of the building. The assigned areas are central, House of Representatives wing, Ministerial wing, and Senate wing.

Each sitting day, between 8.30am and 4.30pm, there are five security patrols, each comprising one Security officer. The additional patrol assists the central, House of Representatives wing, Ministerial wing, and Senate wing patrols as required. This additional resource reflects increased activity levels within the building during these times.

Security officers are also assigned to the static security points throughout the building. At various times, rotation of Security officers between duties may result in additional officers moving through the building.