

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: **Staff amenities**

Question: **184**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 November 2012

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.

Answer

DPS provides employees (who choose to join) with membership to the Parliament House Health and Recreation.

Up until the end of 2011–12, DPS had an internal charge, where DPS paid itself by charging the line area for a membership of \$200 (GST inclusive for 6 months membership) and then accounted for the revenue received.

From 1 July 2012, this charge has been discontinued.

This amenity is provided to staff under the DPS Enterprise Agreement 2011.

The amenity benefit to employees is exempt from Fringe Benefits Tax subsection 47 (2) of the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act.