

APPENDIX 5

EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR PARLIAMENT REQUESTED AND REJECTED¹

	Amount sought \$	Amount Provided \$
1977-78		
Furniture and Fittings	Program provision of 148,700 sought	100,000
Lower program provision was agreed on the basis that, pursuant to Budgetary policy, departments of state were also required to accept lower provisions for the furniture and fittings program.		
1978-79		
Capital Works	Program provision of 1,450,000 sought	1,131,000
Prime Minister sought and received the agreement of the Presiding Officers to a reduction in the proposed capital works program.		
House of Representatives		
Standing and Select Committees—		
Expenses	124,600	51,600
An amount of \$43,000 was incorrectly sought under this item for salaries of seconded public servants. After deducting this amount and having regard to expenditure experience in previous years (a history of considerable expenditure shortfalls) the Government agreed a provision of \$51,600.		
Parliamentary Reporting Staff		
Hansard—Printing, distribution and binding		
- Senate	963,000	864,000
- House of Representatives	840,000	735,000
The Government agreed the lower figures based on expenditure experience in 1977-78.		
Parliamentary Library		
Salaries and Allowances	1,847,000	1,797,200
Reduction agreed by Presiding Officers.		
Computer Services	79,000	25,000
Original bid included an amount for interdepartmental charges which are not in fact levied and the Presiding Officers also agreed to defer a provision for the development of computer systems pending detailed examination of the proposal.		
An across-the-board 3 per cent reduction in all non-wage and salary Administrative Expense votes was agreed by the Presiding officers pursuant to Budget policy direction. Amounts specifically agreed by the Government (e.g. Hansard—printing, distribution and binding) were exempted from the across-the-board reduction.		
1979-80		
Parliamentary Reporting Staff		
Hansard—Printing, distribution and binding		
- Senate	941,000	833,000
- House of Representatives	801,000	786,000
Original bid of Presiding Officers provided for a 9 per cent increase in AGPS charges for printing: no decision had been taken by AGPS to vary it charges. In accordance with normal estimating principles the Minister for Finance sought and obtained the Presiding Officers' agreement to remove the allowance for prospective cost increases on the basis that the situation would be reviewed if necessary if charges were subsequently increased.		

	Amount sought \$	Amount Provided \$
Parliamentary Library		
- Library books, journals and periodicals	255,000	202,000
Presiding Officers agreed to a reduction in this item pending examination of a proposed program for upgrading the Library's book collection.		
1980-81		
All bids of the Presiding Officers were agreed by the Government.		

1. Department of Finance, Letter, 19 March 1981.