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TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

**Influenza Vaccination Program 2011**

1      Each year the most serious strains of the influenza virus are identified by the Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee, and a new influenza vaccine is developed to protect against those specific strains of the virus. The 2009 H1N1 pandemic remains a prominent virus strain, and protection against this strain is included in the 2011 influenza vaccine.

2      With the 2011 influenza season approaching, DPS has engaged **Calastica Health and Wellbeing** to administer this year's influenza vaccination program, available for all occupants of Parliament House.

3      The vaccinations will be overseen by a doctor and qualified immunisation nurses. Before receiving the vaccine, recipients will be provided with information about the benefits and possible side effects, and have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with the doctor.

4      The nurse who administers the vaccine will request the recipient to sign a consent form. The consent form will be available on the day of the vaccinations but is also available from the Calastica web site (see link below).

5      The vaccination program will be conducted at the Parliament House Health and Recreation Centre between 9:00am and 12:00pm and 1:00pm and 4:00pm over the following days:

- (a) **Wednesday 2 March,**
- (b) **Thursday 3 March,**
- (c) **Friday 4 March,**
- (d) **Wednesday 23 March, and**
- (e) **Thursday 24 March, 2011.**

6      DPS regrets any inconvenience caused by the late notice of these dates, which was caused by a delay in establishing the on-line booking system. Those people wishing to participate in the vaccination program and who are able to do so this week are encouraged to make an appointment for any of the first three days. For those people not able to do this, appointments can be made on the later two days.

*Making an Appointment*

7      Senators and Members do not need to make an appointment and are invited to attend on any day as work commitments allow.

8 All other passholders are strongly encouraged to make an appointment using the on-line booking system at [www.calastica.com/aph](http://www.calastica.com/aph) . Please click on the first time user link to register to make an appointment. In addition, there may be a limited number of 'walk in' appointments available throughout each day, subject to availability. Allow 15 minutes for each appointment.

*Payment*

9 Employees of the Department of Parliamentary Services, Department of the House of Representatives, and staff of Senators and Members (MOPS) do not incur a charge as the vaccination is funded by the provisions of their respective employment agreements.

10 The cost of the vaccination for Senators, Members and all other passholders (including the Department of the Senate) is **\$30.00**, which is payable at the time of vaccination. Payments can be made by cash or card at the Health and Recreation Centre. A receipt will be issued at the time of vaccination if required.

11 Contact the Nurses Centre on (02) 6277 5315, email [nursecentre@aph.gov.au](mailto:nursecentre@aph.gov.au), or contact your HR Department if further information is required.

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