

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Cigars purchase**

Question: **278**

Written: **Senator Rhiannon**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014**

1. Were the cigars smoked by Treasurer Joe Hockey and Finance Minister Mathias Cormann in celebration of their recent budget purchased by the Dept Parl Services or by Dept Finance or any other agency?
2. Has the Department purchased cigars or cigarettes for the use of any Senators, MPs or parliamentary staff?
  - a. If yes, may I have details of quantities and type, costs and for whom?

**Answer**

1. DPS did not purchase the cigars.
2. No.