

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Queen's dining set –Speaker's suite**

Question: **293**

Written: **Senator Wong**

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

1. Can the department provide details of the 248 pieces of the Queen's dining set held in the Speaker's suite?
2. How many pieces have been transferred to the Speaker's suite since 12 November 2013?

Answer

1. On 13 March 2014 the Department of the House of Representatives advised DPS that the following pieces of the dinner service were in the Speaker's suite:

Dinner plate	43
Soup bowl	21
Entrée plate	28
Fruit plate	24
Bread plate	26
Tea cup	23
Tea cup saucer	31
Demitasse	21
Demitasse saucer	23
TOTAL	240

2. On 12 May 2014 the International and Community Relations Office of the Department of the House of Representatives requested that DPS transfer eight entrée plates to the Speaker's suite. This brought the total to 248 pieces