

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Speaker's suite**

Question: **297**

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1. What equipment, furniture, crockery, cutlery and other goods has DPS provided to the Speaker and/or Speaker's suite since 12 November 2013?
2. What services has DPS provided to the Speaker and/or Speaker's suite since 12 November 2013?

Answer

1. As part of an upgrade to both Presiding Officers' kitchens the following equipment was installed in the Speaker's suite over the Christmas break:
 - Emainox Hot Box with solid top, GRAH-54 Infrared Foodwarmers (Heatlamps),
 - TMS-1H Therm-Max Salamander,
 - BI-3500 Benchtop Induction cook top and XVC 105 E Unox Combi-Oven.

DPS provided from the existing *Global furniture collection* the following items:

- Two small square timber coffee tables for use in the sitting room of the suite; and
- two additional *Global furniture* circular stone and bronze 'mushroom' tables.

In regard to the short term provision of equipment, over the period 12 November 2013 to 19 June 2014, DPS has supplied the following furniture to the Speaker's suite at the request of the International Community and Relations Office. This furniture is removed after each function.

Date Equipment	Equipment Requested for Speaker's suite by International Community and Relations Office, Dept House of Representatives for functions
19.11.2013	1 mobile bar, 3 tables
2.12.2013	65 chairs, 17 tables, 1 mobile bar
4.12.2013	5 tables
12.12.2013	8 tables
16.12.2013	26 chairs, 11 tables, 1 mobile bar
6.3.2014	8 tables, 1 mobile bar
17.3.2014	1 mobile bar, 2 tables
24.3.2014	1 mobile bar, 2 tables
27.3.2014	1 mobile bar, 41 chairs, 10 tables
12.5.2014	4 tables, 23 chairs, 1 mobile bar
26.5.2014	1 mobile bar
16.6.2014	1 mobile bar, 2 tables

2. Since 12 November 2013, DPS provided its standard artwork selection and installation service to the Speaker's suite.

On 30 April and 1 May 2014, DPS assisted staff from the Australian War Memorial to deliver and install six paintings from the Memorial's collection in the Speaker's suite. The works were borrowed directly from the Australian War Memorial by the Speaker's office.

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.

On 26 May 2014, at the request of the International Community and Relations Office DPS moved a large marble coffee table from centre of lounge room to one side of the room.