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Role

To support the functioning of Parliament and parliamentarians through the provision of professional services, advice and facilities and by maintaining Australian Parliament House as a working and iconic building.

Clients

- Senators, Members of the House of Representatives and their staff
- visitors—including tourists, international delegations, government officials and virtual visitors accessing the APH website
- building occupants, including staff of the parliamentary departments

Governance

- DPS operates under the: *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, and *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (during 2013–14)

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (the Presiding Officers) are jointly vested with responsibility for the administration of DPS.

Services

- Information and communication technology services
- Library and research services
- Security services
- Building and heritage management services
- Broadcasting and Hansard services
- Art services
- Visitor services
- Corporate, administrative and strategic services
- Food and beverage, retail, health, financial, and childcare services

Budget 2013–14

\$135 million departmental operating funds including drawing rights

\$9.8 million departmental capital budget

\$20.4 million administered capital budget

Staffing: 712.80 FTE (average)

DPS in numbers:

- 677,932 visitors to the building and 3.5 million virtual visitors to the website
- 197,825 participants on tours and 1,045 functions and events
- 2,835 hours of parliamentary proceedings and committee hearings transcribed
- 1,000+ artworks installed in parliamentarians' suites since the start of the 44th Parliament
- 26.5 million emails transmitted on the Parliamentary Computing Network

Information on the Parliamentary Library can be found in Part 4.