

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2017**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Disposable plastics**

Question: **32**

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Does DPS have procurement guidelines regarding the use of disposable and single use plastics in relation to the provision of catering and refreshments?

Answer

No. However, procurement guidelines regarding environmental purchasing is included in the '*DPS Procurement Officer Manual*' which guides DPS officers towards procuring products or services that have less impact on the environment and human health than otherwise comparable products or services. Additionally, environment considerations must also be taken into account when considering value for money in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.