

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Procedures for applying for Parliament House passes**

Question: **75**

Written **Senator Wong**

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1. How many authorised officers have been delegated responsibility to approve access pass applications under the new childcare and political party secretariats/official guests and visitors sponsorship arrangements?
2. What sort of individual falls within the “official guests and visitors” category?
3. Has the Department of Parliamentary Services investigated implementing cost recovery arrangements for sponsored pass holders where the individual represents a company or professional organisation (as opposed to a charity or not-for-profit)?

Answer

1.

Childcare	One authorised officer
Political party secretariats	Two authorised officers

2. This category has not been used and will be removed in the next version of the pass policy.
3. No.