

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Flag at Parliament House**

Question: **88**

Written **Senator Wong**

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At the 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates, Senator Collins asked some questions about the Australian flag on top of Parliament House.

The video on the APH website explains there are ten flags on rotation and that, as per the answer to question on notice 17, weather permitting, the flag is changed once a month on a Wednesday morning.

1. Are these details correct?
2. Is it correct that when a flag becomes too worn it is destroyed?
3. How many flags have been destroyed due to excessive wear for each of the last three financial years, including the current year to date?

Answer

1. Yes, weather permitting the Australian flag that flies above Parliament house is changed on the first Wednesday of each month. If weather affects this procedure, the next available opportunity is taken to change the flag.
2. Yes, once the flag has been removed it is sent to the manufacturer for assessment, if it is deemed irreparable and too worn to fly the flag is destroyed.
3. In the last three financial years, including this current year to date, six flags have been disposed of.