

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** AEC  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** Fund raising in MPs' offices

**Senator:** Rhiannon  
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**Question:**

If an MP holds a fund raising event in parliament in their own office are they obliged to declare the venue as a gift in kind?

**Answer:**

No. An MP is able to hold private meetings or invite a person or persons to a function in their office. The use of that office for a fund raising event is not dissimilar to a private meeting and would not be considered a gift or a gift in kind.