

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Library offices**

Question: **27**

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Senator McKENZIE: How many of the people working in the library have their own office?

Dr Heriot: I will need to take that on notice. We have a split between office and open plan. Some of the open plan is quite old and some has been newly refurbished. But I will need to take the numbers on notice.

Senator McKENZIE: Thank you. And how many empty offices there are—if there are any.

Answer

As at 30 June 2015, 66 Library staff have their own offices. One office is temporarily unoccupied due to the retirement of a researcher (recruitment is underway). One office is used as a shared resource for staff working in the open plan areas needing a quiet space to work/talk to clients. Two offices in Library and Collections Databases Branch are currently unoccupied (these are included in the tally of 9 unoccupied workstations identified in the response to Senate Estimates question number 26). These will be occupied by officers from elsewhere in DPS who, as noted above, are expected to move into the Library early in the financial year.