

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee — Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2017

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **APH Visitor sign-in records - Mr Justin Jedlica**

Question: **39**

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#### **Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 7 July 2017**

**Senator KITCHING:** ....I particularly have questions about the 2017 budget night. So that is only a week or so ago. There was a party in the cabinet suite the night of the budget and one of the guests was a man who goes by the name of Justin Jedlica. Mr Jedlica appeared in several Instagram photographs that night, including with the foreign minister, the Senate President and the Prime Minister, and there are photographs of Mr Jedlica and his companions in the cabinet suite, the Senate courtyards and looking at artwork around the House. Who gave Mr Jedlica and his group access to Parliament House on budget night?

**Mr Cooper:** We will have to take that on notice?

**Senator KITCHING:** That would be good. Specifically, which member or senator's office signed him and his group in? What areas of the parliament did Mr Jedlica have access to on budget night? Are Parliamentary Services given advance notice of these events and an advance guest list? What kind of vetting, if any, is done on invitees to events like budget night parties? If you could take those on notice, that would be good.

#### **Answer**

A Parliament House function pass was issued to Mr Jedlica to attend a private event on Budget night, Tuesday 9 May 2017.

The bulk order for function passes for the event was received by the Pass Office seven days earlier, on Tuesday 2 May 2017. Mr Jedlica's name was on the pass application list, along with 27 others.

Upon arrival for the event, Mr Jedlica had his identity verified by Security Branch staff at a pass issue table inside the marble foyer and his name marked on the attendance sheet, before he was issued with a function pass.

Function pass holders are required to be escorted at all times within the private areas; DPS does not have records of which areas visitors are escorted to.

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