

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—November 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Departments: Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Crockery and Cutlery**

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Senator FAULKNER: ...Why don't we just pick the Prime Minister's office, for example. Has there been any new crockery, cutlery or artworks—although artworks are not relevant for reimbursement, but those sorts of accessories—that have been reimbursed by the Department of Finance?...

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Ms Mills: My answer is that I am not aware of which individual offices new crockery has been placed in.

Senator WONG: ...Surely there is someone sitting here who can tell us what crockery or cutlery has been purchased or ordered. ...

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Senator FAULKNER: What happens to the old set, the non-set, where there might be some missing pieces? What do you do with that?

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Senator FAULKNER: ...What I am asking is: what happens to the old crockery and cutlery sets, some of which may not have been complete? Where did it go?

Answers

Has there been any new crockery, cutlery or artworks—although artworks are not relevant for reimbursement, but those sorts of accessories—that have been reimbursed by the Department of Finance?

DPS has not installed crockery or cutlery in the Prime Minister's Suite that has been reimbursed by the Department of Finance.

Crockery and cutlery was placed in all ministerial suites except the Prime Minister's Suite:

Surely there is someone sitting here who can tell us what crockery or cutlery has been purchased or ordered.

DPS is responsible for providing crockery and cutlery to Members' and Ministers' suites. The Department of the Senate provides crockery and cutlery to Senators accommodated in the Senate wing.

DPS has provided 35 sets of cutlery, crockery and kitchenware to Ministerial suites, including 6 spare sets.

20 sets of crockery and cutlery were provided for distribution to Members suites.

DPS also provided the following quantities of kitchenware to the Department of the House of Representatives for distribution to Members suites:

Water jug	10
Milk jug	10
Sugar bowl	10
Coffee plunger	10

What happens to the old crockery and cutlery sets, some of which may not have been complete? Where did it go?

DPS removed crested crockery and cutlery from 29 Ministerial Suites on 13 September 2013 to storage within Parliament House. The sets were consolidated (where possible) for re-issue.

In 2008, following a requirement for the caterer to supply crockery and cutlery in catering venues, non-crested glassware and silverware that was no longer required was disposed of through an auction process as per the department's disposal policy. Any items identified as having a cultural or heritage value were retained.

Damaged stock is disposed by DPS, the caterer and suite occupants through general waste arrangements.