

Department: Department of the Senate
Topic: Security

Senator: Senator Faulkner
Question no: 3
Question type: Oral

Senator FAULKNER: Black Rod, did you keep any formal record of that meeting when the decision was finally made?

Ms Callinan: I have got a file note of my attendance at that meeting.

Senator FAULKNER: Would it be possible that a copy of the file note be provided to the committee, please?

Ms Callinan: Yes.

Answer

Please refer to [Attachment B](#).

Please note that the file note contains a redaction of the portion that summarises the advice provided by the Usher of the Black Rod. Consistent with the President's views expressed in the hearing relating to the disclosure of the advice provided to him by the Usher of the Black Rod the written summary of the advice has not been disclosed.

File note 2 October 2014: extract relating to the "meeting when the decision was made":

12.10 pm SAA and I were asked to join meeting with POs. Also in attendance were POs advisers, and DPS (CM, NS, SD). We were shown a submission to the POs from CS re restricting sponsored passes and requiring ID to enter private areas. We were also advised of a proposal to not permit people wearing face covering in the public galleries (except the glassed in galleries). President asked my views. I stated that

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Summary
of advice
provided
at the
meeting

After further discussion, DPS were asked to amend the submission to include a paragraph in relation to face-covering in the Chamber as proposed and a related recommendation and SAA and I were excused.

Rachel Callinan, Usher of the
Black Rod

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