Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Printing Entitlement – Mr Bob Horne Information

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Senator Faulkner asked:

How soon after the department sent the minister's office the list of printing allowance expenditures did the material appear in the press?

Answer:

The first press report of which the Department is aware was 8 August 2001. The Auditor-General's report on Parliamentarians' Entitlements 1999-2000 was tabled the previous day. A list of printing allowance expenditures for 1999-2000 had been provided to the Minister's office on 13 June 2001 and 5 August 2001.