

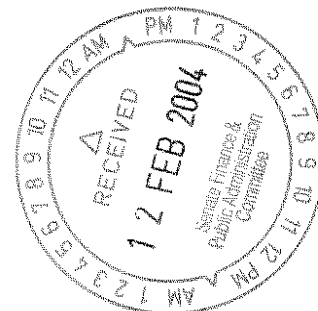


Parliament of Australia
Department of Parliamentary Services

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Senator Brett Mason
Chair
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee



Dear Senator Mason

PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENT (PAES) 2003-04
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES

1 Additional Estimates (AEs) bids were originally sought for the three former joint parliamentary departments. The Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) was established on 1 February 2004 to fulfill all the functions of the former departments.

2 Due to the deferred introduction of the AEs Bills, the amounts that would have been appropriated to the three former departments will now be appropriated to DPS.

3 Given the timing of the changed arrangements, it was not possible to produce a PAES for DPS in the format recommended by the Department of Finance and Administration. The purpose of any PAES is to explain the amounts appropriated in the Appropriation Bills. An explanation of the amounts appropriated to DPS is at *Attachment A*.

4 Of the total of \$275,000 being sought, \$225,000 is supplementation for the Comcover premium and \$50,000 is required to repay the Joint Advance to the Presiding Officers, as it was used to fund compensation payments in the former Joint House Department.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

CC Alistair Sands (Committee Secretary)

Attachment A

Budget Measures—Department of Parliamentary Services—Summary

Table 1.1 Summary of Measures disclosed in the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2003-04.

Outcome	Measure	Additional Appropriations 2003-04 (\$'000)		
		Dept Outputs	Admin Expenses	Total
Parliament functions effectively and its work and building are accessible to the Australian community	Supplementation for increased Comcover Premiums per PM's agreement dated 24/08/2003	225	Nil	225
	Advance from the Joint Advance to the Presiding Officers to fund compensation payments	50	Nil	50
Total: Department of Parliamentary Services		275	Nil	275