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Mr Alistair Sands  
Secretary  
Finance and Public Administration  
Legislation Committee  
Room SG.60  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr Sands

Attached is an answer to a question taken on notice at the estimates hearing on 24 May 2004, an answer to a written question on notice, and a clarification of an oral answer.

Yours sincerely

(Harry Evans)

### SENATORS' PRINTING

Senator Forshaw asked for a break down of the expenditure on senators' printing for the 2003-04 financial year (F&PA Hansard, p 10):

Senators' printing entitlements are set out in regulation 3A of the *Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations 1997*:

REGULATION 3A — Additional benefits for Senators — personalised stationery, printing and photocopying

(1) For subsection 5 (1) of the Act, the following additional benefits for a Senator are prescribed:

- (a) personalised stationery;
- (b) newsletter mastheads.

(2) For subsection 5 (1) of the Act, the following additional benefits for a Senator are prescribed:

- (a) printed material (other than personalised stationery and newsletter mastheads), including small calendars;
- (b) photocopying.

(3) The additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) for a Senator are limited to 10 reams of paper per month.

(4) However, the additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) for a Senator are limited to 20 reams of paper per month for each of the following Senators:

- (a) the President of the Senate;
- (b) the Deputy President of the Senate;
- (c) Ministers;
- (d) Parliamentary Secretaries;
- (e) the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
- (f) the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
- (g) Shadow Ministers;
- (h) Shadow Parliamentary Secretaries;
- (j) the leader of a minority party;
- (k) the deputy leader of a minority party;
- (l) Party Whips.

(5) A Senator may give written approval for the transfer to another Senator of part or all of his or her additional benefits under subregulation (2).

(6) Additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) that are not used in a month may not be carried over to the next month.

(7) A Senator may claim additional benefits mentioned in subregulation (2) 1 month in advance.

The year to date expenditure on senators' printing:

From 1 July 2003 to 30 April 2004 the production costs for senators' printing completed by the Senate Printing & Desktop Publishing area totalled \$732,464.

The total figure can be broken down between the unlimited and limited components in the regulation as follows –

- personalised stationery (subregulation (1)) - \$338,531; and
- other printed material (subregulation (2)) - \$393,933.

Senator Faulkner asked for correspondence between the President and the Special Minister of State (F&PA Hansard, p. 11). The President tabled the correspondence later in the hearing.

Also at p. 10 of the transcript Ms Griffiths agreed to a statement by Senator Ray that senators have a printing entitlement of \$5,000 per month. The entitlement is 10 reams of paper, which is 5,000 pages, per month.

#### **ADVERTISING PROJECTS**

A written question from Senator Murray asked for details of advertising or public information projects with an estimated or contract cost of \$100,000 or more.

The Senate Department has no such projects.