

## **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Answers to Questions on Notice

### **Parliament Portfolio**

#### **Department of Parliamentary Services**

Budget Estimates 2004-05, May 2004

**Question: P4**

**Topic: Amalgamation Costs**

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Senator Ray asked: You mentioned that there will be certain costs - \$1.4 million. How much of that will be dispensed with this year and how much has to be carried forward to the next financial year?

**Answer:** The Department of Parliamentary Services has so far identified \$1.398 million in costs related to the abolition of the Departments of the Parliamentary Library and the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, and the Joint House Department. Of that \$1.398 million, \$847,000 was paid in the 2003-04 financial year and \$551,000 will be carried forward to the 2004-05 financial year.