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Dear Ms Paul

PACER PROGRAM - USAGE

At the estimates hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee yesterday I undertook to seek statistics on the usage of the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program and the percentage of those accessing that program who participate in the Parliamentary Education Office programs at Parliament House. It is possible that Senator Faulkner, as he indicated at the hearing, might put a question on notice on this subject, but as I undertook to make the request in any event, I now do so.

I would therefore be grateful if your department would supply statistics showing the numbers of students who have received a payment under the PACER program, and the numbers of those students who participated in the Parliamentary Education Office program at Parliament House, or took a guided tour of Parliament House, or both. It would be helpful if these figures could also be broken down by State and Territory.

It may save time if these statistics could be supplied before the estimates hearings at which your department will appear on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

(Harry Evans)

cc. Senator John Faulkner