Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee—Budget Estimates May 2008

Parliament Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Budget Night - Great Hall hire - member and senator concerns

Question P11, F&PA 41-42

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I appreciate that. I just wanted to put into a more historical context what had been previously raised by Senator Heffernan. Are you aware of any concerns that had been raised by members and senators other than Senator Heffernan in relation to the usage of the Great Hall this year?...

But only Senator Heffernan has raised concerns directly to you and to the Presiding Officers?

The PRESIDENT—I will have to check with the Speaker. I am not sure about the Speaker.

Answer

DPS is not aware of any other concerns that have been raised by any other Senator or Member in relation to the use of the Great Hall on Budget Night 2008. Senator Heffernan was the only parliamentarian who raised his concerns with DPS or the Presiding Officers.