

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Desk originally used by Prime Minister Menzies**

Question: **104**

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 6 July 2012

What happened to the desk, originally used by Prime Minister Menzies, and subsequently relocated to Parliament House and used by Prime Minister Howard in the PMO, after the change of government in 2007?

Answer

The desk was boxed and transferred back to the House of Representatives, where it had been from 1973 to 1997. The House of Representative's Accommodation Manager has advised that the desk was returned to Old Parliament House (OPH).

On 15 May 2012, the Registration Assistant, Museum of Australian Democracy at OPH, confirmed that the Prime Minister's desk had been returned to OPH and that it is currently on display in the Prime Ministers of Australia Exhibition.