

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Issue of visitor passes**

Question: **40**

Written **Senator Sterle**

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

Can the Department advise which passholders were responsible for authorising accompanied or unaccompanied passes to access private areas of Parliament House on 12 October 2011 to persons removed from the House of Representative gallery for disorderly behaviour on the same day.

Answer

On 12 October 2011, approximately 80 visitors to the House of Representatives public galleries were ejected from Parliament House during question time.

DPS does not ordinarily collect personal details of visitors ejected from the public areas of the building, including those removed from the House of Representatives galleries.

DPS is unable to advise details of who may have signed any of those 80 visitors into Parliament House.