

Additional Estimates Question on Notice — March 2017

107 **Senator the Hon. Don Farrell:** asked the President of the Senate—

With reference to the inadvertent disclosure of mobile telephone numbers of many parliamentarians and their staff published in the Parliamentarians' Mobile and Telecommunications and Data Services Expenditure reports:

- (a) When did the President of the Senate first become aware of the breach.
- (b) How did the President of the Senate first become aware of the breach.
- (c) What action did the President of the Senate take in response to being advised of the breach.

Answer

- (a) At around 1300 on Monday 20 March.
- (b) The Department of Parliamentary Services informed my Office.
- (c) My Office confirmed with the department the extent and cause of the data spill and the department advised me of the steps it was taking to remove the data from the public domain and how quickly that was happening.