

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2017**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Enterprise bargaining for cleaners**

Question: **70**

Written **Senator Wong**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 13 April 2017

Noting the answer to question on notice number 16 from the 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates, which states:

Limro provides internal cleaning services at Australian Parliament House (APH) and the current contract with DPS will finish on 30 June 2018. DPS does not directly engage the cleaners and is not responsible for their pay and conditions. The contract with Limro does not specify rates of pay for cleaners. However, under the terms of the contract, Schedule 5 requires:

The Contractor must ensure that every person, including subcontractors, employed in connection with the Cleaning Service is:

- a. paid wages at rates; and
- b. employed under conditions of employment, not less favourable than those established by the relevant award.

Limro advises that the current hourly rates paid to Limro staff are above the 'Cleaning Services Award 2010'. Based on that advice, Limro is meeting its contractual obligation to DPS.

1. How long has Limro been the contracted cleaner at Parliament House?

The answer to question on notice 33 from the 2015-16 Budget Estimates in May 2015 indicates the current contract between Limro and the "Joint House Department" is dated 2003.

2. Is this correct?

Answer

1. Limro has been a contracted cleaner at Parliament House since 1988. The first contract was signed on 6 June 1988 for a five-year period. The second contract commenced on 1 July 1993 for a five-year period, with a five-year extension to 30 June 2003.
2. The current contract with Limro commenced on 1 July 2003 and expires on 30 June 2018.