

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

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Modifications in the House of Representatives wing**

Question: **83**

Written **Senator Wong**

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

With reference to modifications in the House of Representatives wing to provide additional suites for members:

1. Have any staff of the Department of Parliamentary Services been engaged to modify office or other space in the House of Representatives wing into suites suitable for occupation by members of the House of Representatives?
2. If so, what was the nature of the work undertaken?

**Answer**

The principle of independence of each House of the Australian Parliament asserts that each functions as a distinct, independent unit within the framework of the Constitution.

As the subject matter of this question relates to Members of the House of Representatives or functions of the House and is the responsibility of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, it should be referred to the Speaker for a response.