

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **ANAO Performance Audit Report – Managing Contracts at Parliament House**

Question: **84**

Written **Senator Wong**

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

In answer to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice 19 about deficiencies that led the Australian National Audit Office to observe that “there is more to be done to ensure that staff follow that guidance”, the Department of Parliamentary Services stated:

As noted by the ANAO in Figure 2.2, DPS has implemented policies, procedures and guidance that is compliant with both legislation and the ANAO better practice – Developing and Managing Contracts. It was noted however, in Table 3.2, that DPS did not achieve 100% compliance with this guidance against the sample contracts tested.

With respect to the non-compliance with the Australian National Audit Office guidance against the sample contracts tested, in what ways were the contracts non-compliant?

Answer

Table 3.2 “*Availability of key contract management documentation*” in ANAO Report No. 19 2016-17 “*Managing Contracts at Parliament House*” notes the areas in which contracts were considered non-compliant with the Australian National Audit Office guidance.