

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Library workstations**

Question: **26**

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Senator McKENZIE: Are all the unoccupied workstations still fitted out with IT equipment et cetera?

Dr Heriot: I would have to take that on notice, I am afraid. I do not want to mislead by saying, 'Yes' and then find there is one that is not.

Answer

As at 30 June 2015, there were 14 unoccupied workstations within the Library:

- There were two unoccupied workstations in the Office of the Parliamentary Librarian, one of which did not yet have ICT equipment installed. Both of these will be occupied early in the new financial year, one by the new Library Associate and another by a DPS officer on temporary secondment to the Library. (Occupancy of desks in this area is variable as interns and people on other short term placements come and go.)
- There were three unoccupied workstations within the Research Branch, two of which have ICT equipment. These desks are used by sessional staff in peak periods.
- There were 9 unoccupied workstations within the Library Collections and Databases Branch, 8 of which had ICT equipment. These vacant desks have been consolidated to accommodate officers from elsewhere within DPS. It is anticipated these staff will move into the Library early in the financial year. One sit stand desk is used by staff on a rotating basis for WHS purposes.