

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Strategic accommodation review**

Question: **35**

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Senator WONG: And the strategic accommodation review?

Mr Skill: That is still ongoing, so when that is finalised, we will be providing that. That was funded to be done this financial year.

Senator WONG: Who is doing that?

Mr Skill: That is being done by one of the branches in my division.

Senator WONG: On notice, can you give me some information about that: parameters, purpose, who is conducting it, costs and so forth? Thank you.

Answer

DPS received funding to carry out an APH accommodation review and strategy in the 2014-15 Budget, this funding also covered the delivery of the Building Condition Assessment Review. The APH accommodation review has two separate activities:

- an internal review of APH accommodation across all wings, to establish baseline observational data, and identify common themes and key issues; and
- external consultant engagement to delivery and APH Accommodation Strategy.

A tender process is currently being developed to engage consultants for the APH accommodation strategy, to ensure an adequate process can be found to meet time and scope requirements. This is expected to be released shortly and the costs of the consultancy will be known once the contract is awarded.

The work undertaken in the APH accommodation review and strategy will assist in the identification and support of current and future capital work plans, and support the ability of APH to continue to provide effective support to Parliament, by:

- providing data to guide future responses to immediate and long-term accommodation pressures in the building; and
- identifying strategic directions that would support APH into the future to support Parliament and the responsibilities of Parliament in a diverse and changing environment.