

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Security works NPP development**

Question: **37**

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Senator WONG: At whose request was the NPP developed?

Mr Skill: I would have to confirm. I am sorry, I do not recall exactly who requested it. I think it was part of a broader response to the security reviews. It could have been the secretary—

Senator WONG: Did the Speaker or the President request that the NPP be prepared?

The President: It would have been.

Senator WONG: Did the Prime Minister's office have any conversation with DPS about this?

Mr Skill: Not as far as I am aware.

Senator WONG: Or the secretary?

Mr Skill: I cannot speak for the secretary.

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Senator WONG: How long did it take you to prepare this—

Mr Skill: I would have to check that.

Senator WONG: And when in the budget process was it lodged?

Mr Skill: I would have to check on the details of the dates, but I recall having about two weeks to do it.

Senator WONG: \$108 million? And when in the budget process was it lodged?

Mr Skill: I would have to take that on notice, the actual date, but I think it was October—mid- to late October.

Answer

New Policy Proposals were developed following consideration of security issues by the Australian Parliament House Security Taskforce. The Taskforce is an advisory body chaired by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The proposal was developed during October 2014 in consultation with the Department of Finance and was submitted to the Prime Minister by the Presiding Officers on 29 October 2014, for consideration by the Expenditure Review Committee in November 2014.