

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee — Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2017

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Investigation of tax fraud involving certain payroll service companies**

Question: **107**

Written: **Senator Wong**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 7 July 2017

With reference to the investigation of a major tax fraud involving certain payroll service companies, and one of the concerning aspects of this case being a number of government agencies making use of payroll companies involved:

Does the Department of Parliamentary Services make use of any of the companies named in the investigation?

If so, has Department of Parliamentary Services done any checks to ensure that it is not using payroll companies that are being investigated by the Australian Taxation Office?

Does Department of Parliamentary Services have any standing protocols to ensure service providers it engages are not under investigation by the Australian Taxation Office?

Answer

DPS does not use any external payroll services.

The procurement process includes assessment of the suitability of the company being considered to provide the required goods and/or services. DPS does not have access to information on investigations into companies being undertaken by the Australian Taxation Office.