

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Auspic photographic record**

Question: **193**

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Senator FAULKNER: Historically Auspic took a photographic record to protect the heritage values and all that sort of thing. Has that been done on this occasion? Are we ensuring that that—

Ms Mills: Not that I am aware of, but we certainly would do that. Probably the next opportunity to do that would be the summer recess.

Senator FAULKNER: It is a before-and-after thing, you see.

Ms Mills: Yes, we certainly had Auspic take photos of a number of the elements prior to the renovations.

Senator FAULKNER: So that definitely occurred?

Ms Mills: They certainly took photographs of certain items. Whether they took holistic room photos, I would have to check.

Senator FAULKNER: Okay. It is a critical element, of course, of protecting the heritage values of the place that that be done.

Ms Mills: Absolutely.

Senator FAULKNER: You might just take that on notice to assure us that that was done.

Answer

On 18 December 2013, Auspic photographed the Prime Minister's Dining Room prior to the construction works commencing.