

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

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Prime Minister's Office furniture requests**

Question: **17**

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**Senator WONG:** Are you aware of requests by ministers or parliamentary secretaries for relocation of status A or status B furniture?

**Mr Ryan:** There were some furniture requests made, yes.

**Senator WONG:** By whom?

**Mr Ryan:** We had one from the Prime Minister's office to relocate a meeting room table and eight chairs.

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**Senator WONG:** Who requested that?

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**Mr Ryan:** Yes. Sorry, I will clarify that point: it was the Department of Finance who made the request on behalf of the Prime Minister.

**Senator WONG:** You are changing your evidence now, Mr Ryan. It was the PMO a minute ago.

**Mr Ryan:** Yes, I am sorry. I have used the wrong term. The request came from the—

**Senator WONG:** What is your evidence about the involvement of the PMO, then?

**Mr Ryan:** Senator, I may have used the wrong term. I apologise if I have used the wrong term.

**Senator WONG:** I am going to give you the opportunity, Mr Ryan, to take some advice. Perhaps you can come in and clean this up later.

**Dr Heriot:** Thank you, Senator. I was about to ask that.

**Answer**

An email request was received from Ministerial Wing Support (Department of Finance) on 22 September 2015, requesting that the coffee table and tub chairs in the Prime Minister's office be replaced with a meeting table and chairs.