

**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: **Request to access CCTV**

Question: **20**

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Senator WONG: Was there a request to access CCTV of the incident?

Ms Croke: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator WONG: Did anyone in DPS view that?

Ms Croke: I do not recall that, but our processes around that are very clear these days: any request to access CCTV for this purpose is made to the Presiding Officers.

Senator WONG: And no such request has been made, to your knowledge, by the investigator?

Ms Noordeloos: We would need to clarify that.

Ms Croke: I do not recall that, but we should clarify.

Answer

The CCTV system was checked by Security Branch to see if cameras covered the area concerned and footage was isolated at the time of the complaint, in anticipation of a request for release. This was as per procedure at the time.

While a request was made internally on behalf of the investigator for approval to be sought from the Presiding Officers for the release of the CCTV to the investigator, this approval had not been sought by the time the investigator had completed his investigation. Therefore no request to access the CCTV footage was made to the Presiding Officers and the CCTV footage was not accessed.