

**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: **Security breaches**  
Question: **23**  
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**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 4 December 2015**

**CHAIR:** Have there been any other instances of car park security breaches that you are aware of?

**Ms Noordeloos:** From the incident reports provided to me, no.

**CHAIR:** There has been none in the ministerial underground carpark?

**Ms Noordeloos:** From the reports provided to me, no, but I would need to go and check that.

**CHAIR:** Once again, it has been suggested to me that it was an unauthorised vehicle with two occupants that entered the ministerial carpark, and it was only discovered when they went to the security point at the ministers' underground entry. You would be aware of that, surely?

**Ms Noordeloos:** To be honest, no, I am not aware of that, so I will need to go and check that.

**CHAIR:** Okay, so it might not be correct. If you could take that on notice?

**Ms Noordeloos:** Absolutely.

**CHAIR:** And perhaps you could establish the veracity of that. I am sure you could do that very quickly, before we conclude with DPS.

**Ms Noordeloos:** I will talk to my staff now and see if I can.

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**CHAIR:** Ms Noordeloos, have you had any joy with your security incidents?

**Ms Noordeloos:** I would like to take the question that we had earlier on notice. My team have been compiling reports for me, and they have not had the opportunity to provide me with the complete reports because there are, of course, a couple of people who are on duty at the moment. Therefore, we will take it on notice. I can provide you a full account with no erroneous detail.

**CHAIR:** I have no choice but to accept that, if only because I would be pulled up when I defend your right to take things on notice later. When do you think you will have that for me?

**Ms Noordeloos:** We will look at that immediately this afternoon, so we would say it will be this week.

**CHAIR:** Okay.

**Answer**

1. The following instances of tailgating into the carparks have been recorded since January 2015:
  - a. Senate private carpark – 3
  - b. House of Representatives private carpark – 1

In the same timeframe, we also recorded two incidents in the Senate carpark where AFP responded to concerns about vehicles.

The AFP and PSS staff the entrances to the Senate and House of Representatives carparks during key periods in sitting weeks to monitor and ensure tailgating does not occur.

2. Security Branch does not have a record of a car entering the Ministerial Carpark unauthorised, and enquires of Team leaders have not yielded any possible incidents. The AFP and PSS staff the entrance to the Ministerial Wing Underground carpark during key periods.