

**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: **Contract decisions**

Question: **41**

Written **Senator Wong**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 4 December 2015**

1. Who, in a parliamentary sense, is responsible for overseeing contract decisions made by the Department of Parliamentary Services?
2. Is it the presiding officers, parliamentary committee(s) or is there another form of parliamentary oversight?

**Answer**

1. Departmental contract decisions are the responsibility of departmental delegates whose decision making and processes must comply with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and the *Commonwealth Procurement Rules*.
2. The Department reports to the Presiding Officers who provide direction and general oversight.