

**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: **Cleaning Contract**

Question: **42**

Written **Senator Wong**

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

Referring to BE QoN 32, which identified Limro's desire to receive an increase in the value of the contract to cover increased labour costs of \$664,000 over three years, to reflect the *Clean Start Union Collective Agreement 2009*, effective 1 January 2010, and the decision that the Department of Parliamentary Services would not provide additional funds but would agree to \$65,479.69 per annum worth of service reductions.

1. Was the request to increase the value of the contract to cover increased labour costs of \$664,000 over three years brought to the attention of the presiding officers at the time or any parliamentary committee, or was the decision made at an administrative level?
2. Who signed off on the decision?
3. Did the cleaners receive the full value of the Clean Start wages?

**Answer**

1. The request for additional funds from Limro was brought to the Presiding Officers attention. The decision to negotiate changes to the statement of requirement was made by DPS.
2. The Deed of Variation was signed by the Acting Secretary of DPS.
3. Advice from Limro is that the cleaners were paid in accordance with the Clean Start agreement.