

**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: **Car Parking**

Question: **45**

Written **Senator Wong**

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

1. What is the status of the review of access to the car parks, which the evidence given by the President suggested would be received by the end of June 2015?

“CHAIR: I do not know the answer to this question, so forgive me, Mr President. Do the Presiding Officers have any say in the allocation of car parks to sponsored pass holders?

The PRESIDENT: Ultimately, Chair, we would have the ultimate responsibility. The Speaker and I discovered that it was a mess. That is why we have asked for the review.

CHAIR: You are aware that there is an issue here.

The PRESIDENT: Absolutely. I have mentioned that up-front. We have particularly asked for this review, which I think is due at the end of this month or the end of this week.

Mr Skill: It is the same.

The PRESIDENT: It is the same, yes. It is due at the end of this week and the Speaker and I will be paying particular attention to it and how we move forward. It has been a topical issue for some months.”

2. Was the new *Australian Parliament House Private Parking Facilities Access Policy*, approved by the presiding officers on 17 June 2015 and circulated by “DPS Information” on 10 July 2015, a result of this review?
3. If not, why did the policy come before the review?
4. Has the review been released?
 - a. If so, can a copy be provided?

Answer

1. The Presiding Officers requested the four Parliamentary Departments to internally review and assess the situation of parking at Parliament House, which was provided in the form of a submission in June 2015.
2. Yes, following the submission, the Presiding Officers took a range of decisions and actions, which included the Australian Parliament House Private Parking Facilities Access Policy.
3. Not applicable.
4. As the review and assessment of parking was a process resulting in advice to the Presiding Officers, a review paper was not issued.