

**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: **Strategic Accommodation Review**

Question: **53**

Written **Senator Wong**

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

1. What is the status of the tender process advised in BE QoN 35?
2. Has this gone to tender, and if so, what is its reference number on AusTender?
3. If not, why has it taken over four months since Budget Estimates?
4. Has the cost of the consultancy been determined?
5. What is the timeline for the presentation of the report?
6. Why is this not a task that could be undertaken in-house?

**Answer**

1. The Tender Evaluation Panel has finalised the Tender Evaluation Report and recommended the preferred tenderer be invited to engage in contract negotiations. These negotiations are underway.
2. Yes. AusTender reference number DPS15066.
3. Not applicable.
4. Until the tender process has been finalised, DPS are not able to provide comment on the cost of the consultancy.
5. The tender documentation requested a project programme be submitted based on six month delivery. Noting that the stakeholders in Parliament House have a variety of competing and priority issues, and coordination and availability for stakeholder consultation may impact the programme. Contract negotiations are underway.
6. The resources required to undertake this work are from a variety of professional specialist areas that DPS do not have in-house capability to deliver.