

**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: **ORIMA Research Stakeholder Survey conducted by the Parliamentary Budget Office**

Question: **55**

Written **Senator Wong**

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

The answer to BE QoN 51 states that the Assistant Secretary ICT Infrastructure and Services Branch authorised the provision of the email address details of Senators, Members and their staff to the private company ORIMA Research for the purpose of the Parliamentary Budget Office stakeholder survey.

1. Were any alternative means of communication considered, for example, having a member of staff of the Department of Parliamentary Services or the Parliamentary Budget Office circulate this information so that the email addresses did not have to be disclosed to a third party?
2. Was any advice sought from the presiding officers or any parliamentary committees before the decision was made to release the information?

**Answer**

As stated in the response to Budget Estimates Question on Notice No. 51 (attached), DPS ICT provided the addresses to the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) and not directly to ORIMA Research. The email addresses were already available to PBO staff through internally available directories. DPS ICT extracted the information and presented it to the PBO in a more easily usable format that was fit for purpose.

1. The survey was related to PBO business. DPS did not distribute the survey. Any questions related to the alternative means of communication would be best directed to the PBO.
2. Additional advice was not sought as DPS ICT considered that this was an exercise in packaging information already available to the PBO through internal directories.

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Provision of email addresses to PBO**

Question: **51**

Written **Senator Gallagher**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 10 July 2015**

Who authorised the provision of email addresses of building occupants to the Parliamentary Budget Office for use in their *2015 Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) Stakeholder Survey*?

**Answer**

A list of the work email addresses of Senators, Members and their staff from the outlook address list was provided to the Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer, Corporate Strategy Branch, PBO for the explicitly stated sole purpose of running the Parliamentary Budget Office survey and following receipt of written confirmation that a confidentiality agreement had been executed. This was authorised by the Assistant Secretary ICT Infrastructure and Services Branch. Only the email addresses listed in the APH Outlook address book were provided, no private (home or APH) email addresses were included in this list.