

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: **Building Condition Report**

Question: **58**

Written **Senator Wong**

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

The *Presiding Officers' Statement regarding the condition of Parliament House* was tabled on 25 June 2015 and it set out a summary of the Building Condition Assessment Report and set out a major program of works for 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–18 and 2018–19.

1. Please advise the current status of the works forecast in this report.

Answer

1. In conjunction with the Building Condition Assessment Report (BCAR), a Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP), which determined the program required to undertake the works identified in the BCAR, was developed. The projects outlined in the SAMP form the basis of the Administered Capital Works Plan 2015-2019.

Some of the key projects to be delivered or commenced during 2015–16 (including detail on progress) are:

- Upgrade of the Emergency Warning and Intercommunication System (EWIS) –scope finalised with market approached, execution of contract anticipated December 2015 with work to commence early 2016;
- Passive Fire Systems requirements finalised with a market approach scheduled to commence shortly. It is anticipated that the revised program of works will continue into 2016;
- Completion of chamber lock-down works procurement with works expected to be completed by January/February 2016;
- Installation of compliant access systems and upgrade of balustrades underway with contracts awarded and work commenced. Works are expected to continue into 2016–17;
- Chiller replacement (Chillers 4 and 5) currently under review by Technical Advisor with formal approach to delegate for approval expected shortly. Work will continue into the 2nd quarter of 2016–17;
- Emergency generator upgrade, including work identified in the BCAR such as load shedding, main electrical switchboard expansion and legacy Circuit Breaker upgrade underway with a target date of completion December 2016;
- Chamber Upgrade Program including carpet, leather and timber enhancement has commenced with purchase of materials scheduled for 2015–16 and physical works for 2016–17;
- Lift systems upgrade procurement utilising a Project Manager Contract Administrator approach now being finalised before market approach. Program will extend over a number of years;
- 2nd on-site Communication Hub consultation taking place with target completion of May 2016 for project;

- Public Carpark Enhancement consultation/design finalisation taking place with completion of June 2016 planned; and,
- Public Areas Display focussing on 1st Floor Display Redeployment has commenced.

DPS has engaged technical specialists in a range of building disciplines to review the programming and scope of all projects currently planned for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.