

**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: **DPS and CPM Reviews**

Question: **62**

Written **Senator Bernardi**

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

The following three questions refer to the DPS staff member referred to by Senator Bernardi and Ms Croke on pages 47-48 of the Proof Hansard, Monday 19 October 2015.

1. On what date did this particular DPS staff member commence employment with DPS?
2. Who within DPS appointed this staff member to work for DPS?
3. Ms Croke, during the hearing, said that as far as she knew, the staff member no longer worked for CPM Reviews but that she would check. If the staff member has ceased employment with CPM Reviews:
 - a. Has this person permanently left the employ of CPM Reviews?
 - b. On what date did this person cease employment with that company?
 - c. Why is the staff member still listed on the CPM Reviews website?

Answer

1. The staff member commenced non-ongoing employment with DPS on 3 February 2014.
2. The non-ongoing staff member was engaged by the then Director of HR Services.
3. Please also refer to the response to Supplementary Budget Estimates DPS QON No. 31.
 - a. The non-ongoing staff member was not employed by CPM, instead was engaged as an independent contractor with CPM in the capacity as a sole trader.
 - b. The non-ongoing staff member was not employed by CPM. He has not undertaken any work with CPM Reviews since being employed by DPS.
 - c. The removal of the non-ongoing staff member's profile is a matter for CPM and is addressed in the letter from CPM attached to the response to QON 31.