

**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: Training  
Question: 71  
Written Senator Bernardi

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What training programs have DPS conducted with PSS staff in the last two years?

**Answer**

PSS access both DPS corporate and DPS specific training. In 2014–15 approximately 160 DPS Security personnel undertook 8,055 hours of PSS specific training and development. In 2013-14 DPS Security personnel undertook 7,122 hours of training and development. The Security Branch has conducted seven induction courses for PSS1/2 since January 2013. Course commencement dates are below:

- 29 September 2015
- 13 July 2015
- 13 April 2015
- 27 October 2014
- 28 July 2014
- 12 August 2013
- 7 January 2013

Security Branch conducts annual mandatory training known as Competency Maintenance Training to all uniformed staff over the course of three days. This training is conducted within the team structures and is scheduled in two components. The first module is two days training and assessment. The second module is one day training which is conducted six months after the first module.

Competency Maintenance Training consists of the following:

- Day 1:** CPR revalidation (every third year requires a full first aid course)  
Members and Senators Recognition  
PSS Powers and Authorisations  
WHS in DPS/ Professional standards within DPS (interchanges every 2 years)  
Revision of Defensive Tactics
- Day 2:** Defensive Tactics
- Day 3:** Building searches  
PSS Powers and authorisations  
Observation awareness  
Revision of physical 'pat-down'  
Revision of Defensive Tactics

DPS also provides a range of corporate training, including Workplace Health & Safety and Records Management, which is available to PSS staff.