

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Pay stations in the Public Car Park**

Question: **27**

Written: **Senator Wong**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2016

With reference to the pay stations in the Public Car Park that display signs indicating they are unable to accept the new \$5 notes and the fact the Next Generation Banknote program to upgrade the security of Australia's banknotes to ensure that they continue to be secure against counterfeiting was announced by the Reserve Bank of Australia in 2012:

1. Given designs for the remaining denominations are well progressed and, over the coming years, the Reserve Bank and Note Printing Australia will continue the banknotisation process until the full series is in circulation, will this be a problem every time a new banknote design is released?
2. What steps is the Department of Parliamentary Services taking to ensure its infrastructure is equipped to handle future changes in design of currency?

Answer

1. CDS Worldwide PTY Ltd (CDS) have advised via telephone that they are unable to confirm if the pay stations will need any further upgrades, or if the current upgrade for the new \$5 note will work for other new notes.
2. DPS has made enquiries to CDS and the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) to ensure we are notified in a timely manner of future changes under the next generation bank note program.