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:	**Strategic accommodation review**
Question:	**34**
Written:	**Senator Wong**

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

With reference to the strategic accommodation review and the comments in the invitation for the consultation session regarding the *Future of Parliament House Accommodation* that was scheduled for 5.30 pm on Wednesday 16 March 2016 but did not go ahead that: "The consultant team want to hear your views on some of the possible options, including relocating Parliamentary Secretaries to the Executive Wing, extending the building or relocating functions elsewhere in the Precinct."

1. What further planning has been undertaken into the feasibility of relocating parliamentary secretaries to the Executive wing?
2. Have any potential designs been drafted?
3. Can these be provided?

Answer

1. The intent of the accommodation review is to prepare a range of options for dealing with the space pressures and demands on the building now and over the next 25 years. Accordingly, options must consider reconfiguration of spaces within the existing building, additions to the building, and the use or construction of buildings not attached to Parliament House. Among the many options includes relocation of Assistant Ministers' suites to the Ministerial Wing to consolidate accommodation for the Executive Government.
2. Possible space configurations to accommodate Assistant Ministers in the Executive Wing have been outlined in the draft accommodation review report, but no design work for offices has been undertaken.
3. Noting there is no design for Assistant Ministers' offices, the accommodation review report is still in first draft form and consultation continues on developing options. Once completed, the final report will be presented to the Presiding Officers for consideration. On that basis, it would not be constructive to publish information from the draft report in its current form.