

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee—
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Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Works history and post election cleaning of suite MG3

Question P5, F&PA 18

Mr Nakkan—Historically, that would be directly brought to my attention if there was significant damage of a wilful nature, can I say? The advice I gave Mr Kenny on no remedial works is correct, but we do routine maintenance in all those spaces and there may have been a routine painting or recarpeting in that space. There was certainly nothing out of the ordinary when I was preparing my notes for this committee, but I will go back and check with the people who did the work as to whether they found any additional damage beyond what there would be in a normal suite.

Senator ROBERT RAY—While you are checking that, could you check with the cleaners whether they raised objections to the damage that was being done?

Mr Nakkan—Yes.

Senator ROBERT RAY—Could you also raise with them the fact that they were told to 'p-off' and mind their own business. You might check that while you are checking.

Answer

1 Maintenance Services undertook painting of MG-03 following the election. This was the first repaint since 2003. Maintenance staff observed that the walls were in good order and only required cleaning prior to painting.

2 Cleaning contractors have confirmed that they were not told to 'p-off' or to 'mind their own business' when they were cleaning this area.

