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Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

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Senator RONALDSON—I understand that the review said that the operations in the security room were 50 per cent overpaid and 30 per cent overmanned. Is that what the report indicated?

Ms Graham—I do not recall those words exactly.

Senator RONALDSON—Did the report say it was overmanned?

Ms Graham—I would have to confirm the exact wording of the report.

Answer

1 The review findings were presented to security managers and Operations Room staff as part of a review of the overall security structure. The observation that the Parliamentary Security Operations Room (**PSOR**) appeared to be 50 per cent overpaid and 30 per cent overmanned was made at this presentation by the consultant.

2 The observation was made after a preliminary analysis of the PSOR, and preceded the consultant's recommendation to conduct a subsequent and more detailed review in conjunction with the PSOR staff.