

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Budget Estimates Hearing—February 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **elevator technician**

Question: **15**

Written **Senator Humphries**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 15 April 2011

In relation to an article appearing in *The Daily Telegraph* concerning the employment of Mr Darryl Potts “an elevator technician at Federal Parliament”:

1. When was Darryl Potts first employed in Parliament House?
2. What was the nature of his employment?
3. What security checks or screening were done before the employment of Mr Potts?
 - a. Can you provide copies of this paperwork?
4. Is Darryl Potts still employed in Parliament House?
 - a. If not, when did he cease employment?
5. If his employment has ceased, was it as a result of:
 - o an end of contract,
 - o resignation, or
 - o termination?
6. When did the department become aware of the issues raised in the article in *The Daily Telegraph*?

Answer

1 Mr Potts had been working for a contractor within Parliament House since 1 March 2002.

2 Mr Potts had been employed by Thyssen-Krupps, the Lift Maintenance contractor, as a lift technician for Parliament House.

3 The most recent Police Check for Mr Potts was carried out on 24 April 2008, with no disclosable court outcomes recorded. A copy of the Police Check cannot be supplied as it is staff-in-confidence.

4 Mr Potts is no longer on site as the lift technician and his pass was cancelled on 2 February 2011.

5 In early February 2011, Thyssen-Krupps advised DPS that it had moved Mr Potts to work at other sites.

6 DPS became aware of the issues raised in the article in *The Daily Telegraph* on 19 January 2011.