

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Security Review**

Question: **44**

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Senator RONALDSON: Yes. In relation to the security review that you referred to, can you take on notice the person who conducted that review and will you table the review and the recommendations which led to the security network now being separated out again?

Mr Kenny: The review was undertaken in two parts. One was by the Defence Signals Directorate and the other part was done by ASIO. It is a classified document.

Senator RONALDSON: The recommendations that led to the separation out of the network and the reasons for that: can you take that on notice and provide that to the committee?

Mr Kenny: I think that will be okay. I suspect we can declassify that.

Senator RONALDSON: If not, can that be provided in camera?

Mr Kenny: If not we will provide it privately.

Answer

The Information Security Risk Review was finalised in February 2011, with the recommendations agreed by the Security Management Board in April 2011. A component of the review included a vulnerability assessment conducted by the Information Security Division of the Defence Signals Directorate (**DSD**). This report recommended:

... from a security perspective, the Building Management System should remain separate and not be connected to the PCN [Parliamentary Computing Network] in the future.