

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Protocols for PCN use by Senators/Members**

Question: **107**

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Ms Mills: ... If it was identified as a site that potentially belongs to a member or a senator or their office, we would have to look at that separately. I have direct control over the management of our own staff but not of others.

Senator RONALDSON: If it was a member or senator, what are the protocols at that stage?

Ms Mills: I doubt that they are clear. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

The protocol is that DPS would notify the Presiding Officers if a Senator or Member were found to have made inappropriate use of the parliamentary computing account.