

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Energy Management in Electorate Offices

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Senator Moore asked:

Is it possible to see the brief that went to the people to do this work? Is there a problem with seeing that?

Answer:

There was no written brief for the provision of this work. United Group Services (UGS) is the current contracted property management services provider for Senators and Members' electorate offices. During a series of contract and other meetings from February to April 2007 Ministerial and Parliamentary Services verbally requested UGS to develop an energy management plan for electorate offices. The request sought a strategy for increasing energy efficiency in Senators and Members' electorate offices and asked for recommendations for short and long-term practical measures, including, but not limited to:

- development of a template for energy-saving design briefs for fitout and refurbishment of electorate offices;
- purchasing policies for equipment based on the US EPA "Energy Star" rating system;
- development and implementation of an energy audit program;
- "retrofit" measures in respect of lighting and water use in existing offices; and
- advice on the use of "green power".