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Answers to Questions on Notice

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Topic: Refurbishment of Deputy Government Whip's kitchen

Question P17

Senator FAULKNER—I have another question about refurbishments. Can you let me know what the costs were for the new kitchen for the Deputy Government Whip in the Senate and why it was installed?

Ms Penfold—It does not ring any bells.

Senator FAULKNER—I just had a government senator skiting to me about what a terrific job it was. I just wanted to check it out. I always do those sorts of things. It is called accountability.

Ms Penfold—It does not appear to be ringing any bells on this side of the table. We will get someone to follow it up.

Senator FAULKNER—Thank you.

The PRESIDENT—My understanding is that it was a matter for Senate rather than DPS. There was a request from both the Deputy Opposition Whip and the Deputy Government Whip regarding arrangements in their kitchens. I do not know any more than that. I can get some information.

Senator FAULKNER—If it is a matter for the Senate, we can ask them next time around, which will be a long time in the future.

The PRESIDENT—We can get those answers.

Answer

This work was not managed by DPS but by the Department of the Senate. DPS Fabrics staff and a contractor from the DPS Fabrics panel contractor list were involved in the work.