

## Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee —Budget Estimates May 2009

### Answers to Questions on Notice

#### Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: AFP—increase in charges

Question P3, Hansard reference F&PA 14

Date for the return of answer: 10 July 2009

**Mr Thompson**— ... There is one further issue which may become a challenge for us, in that in the last two working days we have learnt that the Australian Federal Police believe their costs are going to go up quite a lot. We have just received that advice from them. They say they are going to charge us another 15.8 per cent for the services they provide on the perimeter of the building. That is literally in the last two working days we have received that advice. That would be very serious for us. That is about \$1.6 million extra.

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**Mr Thompson**—We are still trying to dig into what it is. It is partly about pay rises. The other items they have given us are about their superannuation and something about some overheads, but we are just a bit—

**Senator RONALDSON**—Could you take that on notice and perhaps advise the committee when you get some—

**Mr Thompson**—Yes. We are happy to provide you with information, but we are still digging into it ourselves. We could come back through the staffing and appropriations committee. Would that be a useful way of dealing with that?

**Senator RONALDSON**—As long as I get it, it does not worry me where it comes from.

### Answer

1 At this time, DPS has not received a final costing letter from the AFP to formalise this increase; however, we understand the increase to include following components:

- salary increases under the AFP certified agreement;
- composite payment for superannuation for 2009–10 financial year;
- employees superannuation increase;
- movements in AFP-UP increments;
- movement in staff increments; and
- the consequential increases in the cost of competitive neutrality and overheads.

2 As a result, the AFP have advised DPS that costs will increase by 15.8% (or around \$1.6M) in 2009-10 for the AFP-UP services at Parliament House. Final details cannot be confirmed until DPS has received the AFP costing letter for 2009–10 financial year.