

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Heritage studies of PH  
Question: 46  
Hansard reference F&PA p.43, 23 May 2011

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The first heritage strategy was developed between 2006 and 2008. The client within DPS was our then strategy group, and the majority of the work was done by a firm called Heritage Management Consultants Pty Ltd and \$17,000 was paid to that firm. The second study, which we initiated about six months ago, has been done by one of our officers who has postgraduate qualifications in cultural heritage management. That has taken him some six months in between doing other work. That is still a draft study, which we are still workshopping with other stakeholders around the building, including our own staff, but at least there is a framework in place which is accountable to the presiding officers.

**Senator FAULKNER:** Is it built on the first heritage study?

**Mr Thompson:** Yes, it took a lot of the elements of the first one, but it recast the thinking in a number of ways, partly about recognising the authority of the presiding officers, but also, most importantly, recognising that there is a hierarchy of spaces in the building ranging from the very grand, important public spaces, like the chambers, like the Members Hall and so on, down through to somewhat lesser spaces, and then you finally get into the working operations down in the basement. It has recognised there are five different categories of space, all of which have a greater potential for making change and less sensitivity to change being made. That is a very important ingredient in the way this strategy is now being developed.

**Senator FAULKNER:** Just in relation to those then, can you take on notice supplying those studies or draft studies to the committee please and if there are any other iterations of them. That would be appreciated.

#### Answer

- 1 The following documents are attached.
  - (a) Draft Heritage Strategy—copies **attached**.
  - (b) Draft Heritage Framework—copies **attached**.