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Ms Christine McDonald
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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Dear Ms McDonald

**Senate Budget Estimates Committee Hearing of 17 October 2011—
Clarifications**

I am writing to clarify/correct responses that the Department of Parliamentary Services (**DPS**) provided at the Senate Budget Estimates hearing on Monday 17 October 2011.

The DPS Estimates responses (with the identifying Hansard page number) are listed over the page, with the clarification/correction in the adjacent column.

Yours sincerely

David Kenny
Acting Secretary

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Hansard page ref	DPS Estimates response	clarification / correction
13	Mr Thompson: ... I would also note that, at some point in the life of this parliament , ...	This should have been: "in the life of this parliament building" [ie Parliament House]
14	Mr Thompson: ... I might say, with regard to the survey of cultural heritage, at some stage in the life of the parliament that needed to happen.	This should have been: "in the life of the parliament building" [ie Parliament House]
15	Mr Kenny: The Department of Parliamentary Reporting Services.	This should have been: "The Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff"
15	Mr Thompson: There was a small addition as well in that some security functions came out of the two chamber departments at the same time.	Responsibility for the Parliamentary Security Service (PSS) was transferred from the Chambers (delegated to the Usher of the Black Rod and the Serjeant-at-Arms) to the Joint House Department prior to the establishment of DPS.
28	Mr Thompson: Each year we establish a budget for overseas travel. I do not have exactly what it is for 2011-12 at my fingertips now.	DPS actually does not establish a separate budget for <u>overseas</u> travel. DPS allocates internal budgets at a group level for travel expenses—for travel in Australia and overseas.
32	Ms Bryant: ... We are basically replacing old tiles et cetera on the floors and the grout surfaces that have become quite corroded and grubby and replacing them with clean surfaces. Senator RYAN: That is \$2.2 million worth of tiles. Ms Bryant: No, the total program expands over a number of financial years and totals \$14.2 million over a five -year period.	The correct description is perished , not corroded. Should have been four -year period.
38	Mr Kenny: ... At the moment, there is a contract with BlackBerry that is with the finance department.	There is an arrangement where Department of Finance and Deregulation purchases devices from BlackBerry.