Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Utilities controls on Parliamentary Computing Network

Question: 24

Written Senator Ronaldson

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- a) Are there plans to put control of lighting and air conditioning on the parliamentary computer network?
- b) Would this not mean that a computer hacker could potentially not only shut down all the parliament house security cameras, but they could also turn off the lights and the air conditioning?
- c) Could a computer crash caused by a virus or multiple server outages also result in parliament house security and lighting failing, if this happens?

Answer

- a) No.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.