

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012

### Answers to Questions on Notice

#### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Security incident**  
Question: **147**  
Hansard reference **F&PA p.34, 15 October 2012**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 November 2012**

**Senator FAULKNER:** Is there a reason why—there may well be—it might not be appropriate for the report to be either presented to a parliamentary committee or made public?

**Ms Mills:** I have no issues with that, but I would seek the authority of the presiding officers. I think the critical issues in the report—the second version report will contain, I guess, a series of elements that may have a wider impact on our budget and other things. The first report really was about process improvements and what went wrong on that day. I am very happy to share that.

**Senator FAULKNER:** Mr President, is there a reason for this not to be made available?

**Senator Hogg:** I would want to see and digest the final report first. Subject to there being no potential creation of other security hazards as a result I could see no reason.

**Senator FAULKNER:** That is why I asked. You might take that on notice. I think we would understand if on this occasion there might be some delay in coming back to the committee.

### Answer

The review into the incident on 23 August 2012 has been conducted in two parts.

*Part 1: Review of the Causes and Implications of the Incident of 23 August 2012* was finalised on 8 October 2012. Part 2 report will be considered by the Security Management Board at its December 2012 meeting. After reviewing both reports, the Presiding Officers will consider the appropriateness of their being provided to the Committee or being made public.