

# 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: **WHS issues with security gates**

Question: **174**

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

**Senator FAULKNER:** Thank you for that; I appreciate that, Ms Mills. Have there been any OH&S incidents that you are aware of?

**Ms Mills:** Not that I am aware of. The reports I have received have been that, initially, there were some issues about people not understanding the gates and not waiting for them to fully open before trying to go through, which presents a challenge, but I am happy to take on notice if there are any specific WH&S issues.

**Senator FAULKNER:** I would appreciate that.

#### **Answer**

The DPS WHS section has not received any Work Health and Safety (WHS) incident reports relating to the new security gates.

Prior to the signage being updated in June 2012, the Senate HR section reported to DPS that pedestrians were unaware of which direction the gates swing. The issue was resolved once signage was installed on the pedestrian gates, and the swing direction was marked on the footpath with yellow paint.