

1. Were the Security Management Board provided with a security threat assessment when considering this [screening] trial? (Senator Wong)

Neither the Clerk of the Senate nor the current Usher of the Black Rod are aware of a security threat assessment in relation to the introduction of the screening trial. However, we draw the Committee's attention to the evidence of Mr Skill from the Department of Parliamentary Services on the same subject (Draft Hansard 26 May 2014 p55):

Senator WONG: No, I am coming to that. Earlier I asked about whether or not a security threat assessment, or risk assessment, was undertaken. I was told yes. I am asking on notice for details of that—a copy of the document, with appropriate redactions, and I also want to know who prepared it. Are you able to tell me that?

Mr Skill: Yes, the final threat assessment was prepared by the Security Branch of DPS.

Senator WONG: So you had an internal document?

Mr Skill: We had an internal document, but it was informed by external advice.

Senator WONG: Who is the external advice from?

Mr Skill: It was formed on a number of pieces of information, including the ASIO threat assessment of the building, and there was an external consultant who provided an initial threat risk assessment.

Senator WONG: Who was that?

Mr Skill: It was a company called Kinetic.

Senator WONG: Will you provide some details about that?

Mr Skill: Yes, we can do that.