

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Parliamentary Library – client confidentiality**

Question: **298**

Written: **Senator Wong**

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With reference to Senator Ronaldson’s statement “it has come to my attention that there are a variety of ASIC searches being undertaken at the moment in relation to coalition staff” (proof Hansard, pg.85):

1. Does the parliamentary library provide non-partisan and confidential information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members in support of their parliamentary and representational duties?
2. Does the parliamentary library disclose the details of client requests to Ministers?

Answer

1. Yes
2. All client requests are confidential. The Parliamentary Library does not disclose details of these requests to Ministers or to any other third party.