



Ms Ann Palmer  
Secretary  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Palmer

**Senate Additional Estimates—Department of Parliamentary Services**

I would like to clarify evidence I provided to the Committee on 26 February 2018.

During the hearing for DPS, I responded to questioning from Senator McAllister as follows:

**Senator McALLISTER:** But all of those tasks were known, of course, at the beginning of the process when the schedule was established. What is the contracting model that has been used for this project?

**Ms Knight:** It's a contract that we have with GMB, who is on our panel arrangement.

**Senator McALLISTER:** And are they undertaking the design work or is that being undertaken separately?

**Ms Knight:** The design's been done and the work is almost completed.

**Senator McALLISTER:** Did they undertake the design or did you do it separately? I'm trying to understand whether the contract was design and build or just build.

**Ms Knight:** It's for design and build.

**Senator McALLISTER:** So they've undertaken the design work for you?

**Ms Knight:** Yes.

I would like to clarify that my answer of "Yes" related to the fact that Guida Mosely Brown (GMB) undertook the design work for the refurbishment of suite S G 95. The Department has a separate contract in place for the construction works.

I would appreciate you bringing this to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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