

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Leather contract**

Question: **156**

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**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 April 2014**

**Senator McKENZIE:** I am going to ask about a contract notice. Would you like me to give you the notice number so that you can assist me with my line of inquiry?

**Ms Mills:** Certainly.

**Senator McKENZIE:** CN935521. My question goes to the purchase of fabric and upholstery leather for the period 20 September to 31 December in the amount of \$42,185. I am wondering what that leather was purchased for.

**Ms Mills:** I will get the details of that because I do not have it in front of me.

**Senator McKENZIE:** A very big chair or sofa!

**Answer:**

The leather was purchased as part of the stock that DPS holds. As some types of leather are only available overseas and can take some time to arrive in Australia, DPS holds stock to enable timely refurbishment. These stocks were used for the refurbishment of global furniture.