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Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

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Senator WONG: Given the current environment, would you, in hindsight, agree that the security-screening trial—where screening was relaxed—was a mistake?

Ms Mills: It was done in an environment different from the one we have now. At the time we felt it was an appropriate trial. We still think that, but obviously in the currently climate we would not make such changes. The world has changed and we have adapted our policies to reflect that.

Senator WONG: When was that trial?

Ms Mills: I will have to get the dates, but it was in the first half of 2014.

Answer

The security screening trial was conducted from 19 May to 2 July 2014.