

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES 2016**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** McAllister

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**Question:**

**Senator McALLISTER:** So, Mr Lloyd, is your office meeting the costs of this review?

**Ms Foster:** Senator, no, it is the Department of Parliamentary Services. So what will typically happen when the Parliamentary Service Commissioner undertakes a review on behalf of the Presiding Officers, they will organise and manage the review and it will be billed back to DPS.

**Senator McALLISTER:** That has been the convention for other reviews of this kind?

**Ms Foster:** That is my understanding, Senator.

**Senator McALLISTER:** Do we have examples of other reviews where DPS has taken responsibility for the costs of reviews commissioned by the Presiding Officers?

**Ms Foster:** Can I take that on notice.

**Answer:**

This question was later answered by the President during the Senate hearing. His response appears on Page 79 of Hansard.