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Topic: Assistant Secretary, Security Branch, Department of Parliamentary Services

Written: 1 March 2016

Senator Wong asked:

The Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services, Mr Rob Stefanic, advised the Committee on 18 February 2016 that Ms Erin Noordeloos, Assistant Secretary, Security Branch in the Department of Parliamentary Services had tendered her resignation and that it had been accepted.

1. When was the Usher of the Black Rod first informed of the resignation?
2. When was the President of the Senate first informed of the resignation?
3. What involvement will the Usher of the Black Rod have in the selection process for a replacement?
4. What involvement will the President of the Senate have in the selection process for a replacement?
5. Has any consideration been given to a review of security governance arrangements in light of this resignation?

Answer:

1. 17 February 2016.
2. The Department of the Senate is not aware of when the President of the Senate was informed of the resignation.
3. The selection process for a replacement for the position of Assistant Secretary, Security Branch is a matter for the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services. The Usher of the Black Rod has not been approached to participate in the selection process.
4. The Department of the Senate is not aware of whether the President of the Senate will have any involvement in the selection process.
5. The Department of the Senate is not aware of any consideration being given to a review of security governance arrangements in light of this resignation.