

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2017**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Press conference near the childcare centre**

Question: **23**

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**Senator WONG:** I am sorry, Ms Croke. Now, when did you get involved?

**Ms Croke:** I was going to add that I received a phone call early on the morning that it was proposed to have the media conference from the chief of staff to the Speaker. So there had clearly been discussions between both the Presiding Officers. I got the message that we were to let the childcare centre know and see whether they had any concerns. The press conference was not actually in the childcare centre; it was in the courtyard, one of the parliamentary courtyards, looking back towards the play area of the childcare centre.

**Senator WONG:** Did they go through the childcare centre, though? Did they walk through it?

**Ms Croke:** Not that I recall, but I can take that on notice to double-check that.

**Answer**

Nobody involved with the press conference walked through the childcare centre.