

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

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **New catering arrangements**

Question: **40**

Written **Senator Wong**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 13 April 2017**

1. When was the decision taken not to renew the catering contract(s) held by IHG, which expired on 31 December 2016?
2. When was the decision made not to approach the market but to assume responsibility for the management of catering outlets within the Department of Parliamentary Services?
3. When was IHG informed that there would be no opportunity to extend the contract?

**Answer**

1-3 The contract required any decision to extend the contract to be taken by 30 June 2016. The Presiding Officers provided in principle approval to transition to an in-house catering model on 13 April 2016 subject to detailed submission for final approval. IHG was informed that the existing contract would not be renewed at a meeting with IHG and DPS on 2 May 2016.