

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Aussie's**
Question: **52**
Written **Senator Wong**

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At the top of page 10, the Food Strategy Report states “Aussie’s Café [...] is operated under an independent outsourced commercial arrangement” and “the Aussie’s Café contract expired on 31 March 2015 and is running on a month to month basis”.

1. Can you confirm this continues to be the case?
2. If so, why was a new licence agreement only presented to the current licensee on 20 February 2017, as per the evidence of the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services, Mr Stefanic, at page 26 of the proof Hansard?

Answer

1. Yes.
2. Following a decision by the Presiding Officers on 25 March 2015, a review of food and beverage services and retail services was undertaken by DPS. DPS subsequently proposed a strategy for all retail areas at Parliament House, which the Presiding Officers agreed on 19 October 2016. A new draft Licence was then prepared and first provided to the owner of Aussies on 22 December 2016 for comment and an updated version of the draft was provided on 20 February 2017.