

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

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Inadvertent disclosure of mobile telephone numbers**

Question: **96**

Written **Senator Farrell**

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

With reference to the inadvertent disclosure of mobile telephone numbers of many parliamentarians and their staff published in the Parliamentarians' Mobile and Telecommunications and Data Services Expenditure reports:

- a) What steps have been taken to contact former senators and members affected by the breach to advise them of the breach?
- b) What steps have been taken to contact former staff affected by the breach to advise them of the breach?

**Answer**

- a) The Department of Parliamentary Services has sent an SMS message to any former parliamentarians and staff who may have retained a disclosed number although they are no longer working for the parliament. This message will provide advice on how to manage potential privacy issues and also provide contact details to seek additional information.
- b) As for answer a) above.