

**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: **99**

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:

What action has been taken to ensure there are no further breaches of this nature?

Answer

The Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) is reviewing the terms of the contract to determine future courses of action. Telco Management has indicated they have implemented additional future controls to ensure checking of code settings by a senior manager before the reports are run. DPS has implemented additional checks to examine the report files to ensure there is no 'non visible' data and metadata that could be extracted, before the reports are published to the APH website.