

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Revenue from pay parking

Question: 22

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Senator WONG: Okay. So what have you done with the money?

Mr Wright: We keep it as DPS—it is own-source revenue, so it—

Senator WONG: Right. Has it been applied specifically against the costs that you gave me in answer to that question on notice to which we have been referring, or not?

Mr Wright: Yes.

Senator WONG: Has it been hypothecated to that or not?

Mr Wright: Yes. Technically it is in and out of the same bank account but, yes, we have been applying it to these costs.

Senator WONG: What are you seeking advice from finance about, about the provision of the PGPA—

Mr Wright: It is about the application around the definition of what is included in costs of an activity. For example, in this case is that the direct cost linked just to paid parking itself or is it the broader costs associated with maintaining a car park as well? It has changed slightly since the introduction of the new act—what you can and cannot keep. So we want to make sure that we are following what the legislation requires us to do.

Senator WONG: Could you perhaps, on notice, update your answer then. What I am trying to understand is how you are dealing with the revenue, what you are attributing it to and what the parameters around that are.

Answer

DPS has been retaining the paid parking receipts received under *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) section 74 receipts based on PGPA Rule 27 (2) (a) *Item 1 – An amount that offsets costs in relation to an activity of the entity.*

These receipts are being attributed to the ongoing costs associated with paid parking as detailed in the response to Senate Question on Notice No. 2092.