

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

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Cleaning contract dates – Limro**

Question: **29**

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**Mr Skill:** In normal circumstances, yes, there would be. You would negotiate and do an assessment against KPIs et cetera. Unfortunately, this contract does not allow us any flexibility with regards to extending the option. We have very clear legal advice, which I think was sought in 2012—I can confirm that for you—that confirmed that under the terms of the contract and the way in which that contract had been structured, DPS has no option but to exercise the options until the end of the contract.

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**Mr Skill:** It is a mechanism rather than an option. We did try to impose stricter KPIs on the process using the opportunity of a full-term option. We suggested to Limro that we would extend to 2018—

**Senator WONG:** Can we stop the anecdotal. I really like sequences and time frames. So when did that discussion occur?

**Mr Skill:** That was last calendar year. I will check the dates.

**Answer**

DPS records indicate that a meeting took place between the then Assistant Secretary, Asset Development & Maintenance Branch, DPS Director of Legal Services and the Lawyer representing Limro Cleaning Services on Friday 20 June 2014.