

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee — Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2017

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

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Question: **12**

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Senator WONG: Leaving aside what the actual content of the variation was, which Senator Xenophon may wish to pursue, why were those matters, whatever you have added to the contract, not in contemplation at the time the contract was first let?

Mr Stefanic: I do not believe so, but I will confirm that.

Senator WONG: No. Why weren't they?

Mr Stefanic: I will clarify that for you.

Senator WONG: Do you understand the question?

Mr Stefanic: Yes, I do.

Senator WONG: There is a set of questions about what the variation is, but my question is a little different. Why did you not foresee that those matters would be required within the remit of the contract at the time that you go out to tender and engage in a contract, leaving aside what the content actually is?

Answer

Under a Design and Construction (D&C) Contract, a substantial amount of detail design takes place once a contractor has been appointed following a tender. In seeking confirmation of stakeholder endorsement of the detailed design, further requirements have been identified and added to the scope. These additional scope items include new scope requirements, changes to the original design brief, and identification of latent conditions. Refer to question 13 for further detail on the scope changes.