

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

## **Answers to Questions on Notice**

### **Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Group 2 Security Works**

Question: **14**

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#### **Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 7 July 2017**

**Senator XENOPHON:** Yes, doubling of certain access controls. That is a pretty significant issue. Why wasn't that foreseen at the time the tender was put out?

**Mr Stefanic:** I will have to take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

The tender scope only includes items sufficiently defined in order for them to be suitably priced by the tenderer.

An additional scope of works has arisen under this contract as a requirement of further design development and stakeholder input following the tender process. Access control is one such item that increased through further consultation. During a series of meetings to discuss security related issues the Security Working Group, The Senior Officials and the APH Security Taskforce, determined that further electronic access controls needed to be applied to more areas of the precinct than originally contemplated.