

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: **15**

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Senator XENOPHON: Okay, it came later. Can I just get on notice, can I get a timeline of this. I am trying to understand why there was such a huge jump in the cost of these works. I am trying to understand why this was not foreseen. Because if there was at the time of the tender a review that was already underway, why was it not foreseen and taken into account?

Answer

The current security review being formed by DPS is separate to the security recommendations generated in the Security Upgrade Implementation Plan (SUIP).

The tender was released to the market on 18 August 2015 in order to expedite the implementation of the recommendations of the Australian Parliament House SUIP of October 2014 and minimise the risk to APH of any further delay.

The tender scope for the electronics packages was derived from the recommendations of the SUIP.

The tender closed on 3 November 2015. BAE Systems (BAE) was approved as the preferred tenderer on 10 March 2016, after which contract negotiations commenced. The contract with BAE was executed on 25 May 2016. The variations to the contract are made up of items which were either not sufficiently defined in order to include them as part of the tender scope and/or items that were not foreseen at the time of the tender i.e. scope of works arising as a requirement of further design and stakeholder input following the tender process. (See also answer to Question 13).