

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

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Aussies Licence - media**

Question: **19**

Hansard Reference: **p 48, 22 May 2017**

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

**Senator XENOPHON:** Did you provide background for that article in the Public Sector Informant on 7 March 2017?

**Mr Stefanic:** I do not believe so.

**Senator XENOPHON:** Please take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

No the Secretary did not provide background for the article in the Public Sector Informant.

The Public Sector Informant submitted questions to the DPS media contact on 3 March following the February Estimates hearing. DPS provided a general response to a number of questions on the same day. The responses did not supply information that was not already in the public domain.

On 28 March, The Public Sector Informant contacted DPS with more questions notifying DPS that it had spoken with several parties including the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman. The Public Sector Informant requested a copy of the new draft licence and the valuers report and asked DPS about specific clauses in the new draft licence. DPS provided a general response based on information already in the public domain to those questions on 30 May and a follow up response on 31 May but did not provide any additional commentary regarding the negotiation with Aussies.