

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Contract CN1751571 – artist selection**

Question: **197**

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Senator WONG: Yes I am. Could I just make sure that we are clear about one of the things that we wanted on notice, which was the detail as to the process by which it went from nine artists to one. Could we have it in X or Y did what, as opposed to 'It was done'?

Ms Hanley: Yes.

Answer

DPS has conducted substantial reviews of its electronic records management system, but is not, as a result of those investigations, able to detail the process that resulted in the 9 artists listed in the draft brief of January 2013 to the one artist approached to undertake the commission.

The Department's evidence given in the inquiry hearing before the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 17 November 2014 details what DPS has been able to establish in relation to the commissioning of Ms Zahalka.