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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: This may not be a question to you as PM&C, but who then looks after the departure to ensure that any damage, remediation work or repairs are carried out prior to the new Prime Minister taking the suite? Is there a normal practice that someone inspects the suite, or is it just by chance?

Ms Kelly: I can certainly tell you that we cleaned the Prime Minister's office. We arranged for it to be cleaned on the Saturday so that it was appropriate for Prime Minister Turnbull and his staff to move in on the Sunday. That was the sequence of events. I can take on notice the process for whether there was any other audit of the condition of the PMO.

Answer:

Following the departure of an outgoing office, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet makes necessary arrangements to ensure the suite is in a suitable state for the incoming office. In this instance cleaning staff from the Department of Parliamentary Services cleaned the Prime Minister's office. No other maintenance or repairs were required.