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DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES

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Ms Ann Palmer
Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Palmer

**Correction to Questions on Notice No. 32 and 33 Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2016,
and 82 Additional Estimates February 2017**

I wish to correct the answers to Questions on Notice No. 32 and 33 from the 2016–17 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing in October, and 82 from the 2016-17 Additional Estimates hearing last February, regarding DPS' strategic accommodation review.

DPS' responses to these questions were incomplete and did not include all Senators who were invited to be or who were consulted as part of this review. I apologise for this.

I have attached amended responses to Questions on Notice No. 32, 33 and 82. I would be grateful if you could draw this to the Committee's attention.

Yours sincerely

Myra Croke
Acting Secretary

6 July 2017

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2017

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Strategic accommodation review – general

Question: 82

Written Senator Wong

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 13 April 2017

1. With reference to the answer to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice 32, which senators and members were invited to attend consultation sessions?
2. Are they the same as those listed in answer to question on notice 33?
3. How were they selected?
4. Given the draft report was not finalised until after the July 2016 election, was there any thought given to consulting with senators and members in the 45th Parliament?
5. Can a copy of the first draft report be provided?
6. Why does the answer to part three of question on notice 34 state “consultation continues” on developing options when very little consultation with senators and members has occurred, particularly given the consultation session scheduled for 16 March 2016 did not go ahead?

Answer

1. The following senators and members were invited to attend:

Mr George Christensen MP

The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP

Senator David Leyonhjelm

Mr Bob Katter MP

Senator Jacqui Lambie

Senator Nick Xenophon Mr

Mr Andrew Wilkie MP

The Hon Warren Entsch MP

Ms Cathy McGowan AO,MP

The then Senator Bob Day

Ms Nola Marino MP

Senator Barry O’Sullivan

Senator David Bushby

Senator Rachel Siewart

Senator Anne McEwen

2. No, a number of those invited declined to participate.
3. The group provided a representative sample of government members and senators, opposition members and senators, and members of the cross benches.
4. No. The consultants have been refining the review following a detailed consultation period in the contract. Sufficient detail had been collected to enable strategic planning proposals.
5. As per the response to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates Question on Notice No. 34, the final report will be presented to the Presiding Officers for consideration. On that basis, it would not be constructive to publish information from the draft report in its current form.

6. The scheduled consultation for 16 March 2016 did not go ahead due to timing conflicts with Parliamentary Business. Consultation was ongoing with remaining stakeholders.

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Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Strategic accommodation review**

Question: **32**

Written: **Senator Wong**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2016

With reference to the strategic accommodation review:

1. Have any invitations for consultation occurred since the election?
2. What is the current status of this project?

Answer

1. Yes. Since the election, seven Members and eight Senators were invited to attend consultation sessions. Three Senators and three Members accepted invitations and were consulted. One other Senator provided written comments.
2. A first draft report has been provided to DPS. Further consultation is currently in progress with Mr Romaldo Giurgola's moral rights representatives. Consultation has not yet been conducted with the Presiding Officers.

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—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Strategic accommodation review**

Question: **33**

Written: **Senator Wong**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2016

With reference to the strategic accommodation review and evidence at the 2016-17 Budget Estimates from Mr Stefanic that “I understand the consultants are still finalising their consultations. Then, of course, they will be writing a report to us. But as to what stage that is at, I believe they are due to provide the report to us by sometime in July.”

1. Has the report been provided?
 - a. If not, why not and when is it now expected?
2. Who was ultimately consulted?
3. Has it been published?
4. When will senators and members be able to see it, if they have not already?
5. What about building occupants who will be directly affected?
6. Is there an option to extend the ministerial wing as part of the review?

Answer

1. The first draft report was provided to the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services on 31 October 2016. The 2016 election delayed consultation with members and senators which, in turn, delayed progress of the draft report.
3. A number of stakeholders were consulted including:
 - the Presiding Officers
 - officers of the Department of Parliamentary Services, including the Parliamentary Library
 - officers of the Department of the Senate
 - officers of the Department of the House of Representatives
 - officers of the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Division of the Department of Finance
 - officers of the Parliamentary Budget Office
 - external tourism authorities
 - Senator David Bushby
 - Senator Anne McEwen
 - Senator Barry O’Sullivan
 - Senator Rachel Siewert (via email)

- Mr George Christensen MP
 - Mr Joel Fitzgibbon MP
 - Mr Warren Entsch MP
 - Staff from the offices of the Minister for Finance and the Special Minister of State
4. No. Consultation continues with parties including the moral rights representatives.
 5. The final report will be delivered to the Presiding Officers for consideration. Any decision to release the plan will be by agreement of the Presiding Officers.
 6. The accommodation review is intended to prepare options for dealing with the current space pressures and demands on the capacity and performance of Australian Parliament House (APH), as well as options that would ensure the building is able to accommodate foreseeable needs over the next 25 years.
 7. The draft report considers many options for managing an expanding population within APH. Some of the options considered include studies performed previously by Mr Romaldo Giurgola and GMB Architects. One option within the study by Mr Giurgola in 2012 includes an extension of the Ministerial Wing. This option for expansion was contemplated during the original design of APH.