

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-2017

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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: When did you last provide advice of this kind?

Mr Lloyd: I would have to think about that. I would have to take that on notice. I just cannot call up an instance straightaway.

Senator McALLISTER: You cannot recall the topic of the last time your advice was sought?

Mr Lloyd: One matter I was providing advice about was certainly the review that I conducted of the parliamentary services department. In that case I think my last advice would have been in August of this year.

Senator McALLISTER: August 2016.

Mr Lloyd: Yes.

Senator McALLISTER: But you cannot be certain that that was the last time you provided advice to the presiding officers.

Mr Lloyd: I would have to take it on notice, Senator. I do not want to give you wrong advice. That was certainly the one I recall. I would have to check whether there has been anything since then.

Senator McALLISTER: On notice, would it be possible to provide a list of the advices provided to the presiding officers during your time as Parliamentary Service Commissioner and the dates on which that advice was provided?

Mr Lloyd: Is that formal written advice you are asking for?

Senator McALLISTER: Yes.

Answer:

Since December 2014, the Parliamentary Service Commissioner has provided the following formal, written advice to the Presiding Officers:

Subject of advice	Date(s)
Termination of Secretary Department of Parliamentary Services	03/03/2015 05/03/2015 26/03/2015
Proposed amendments to the Parliamentary Service Determination 2013	07/08/ 2015
Baxter review of the Department of Parliamentary Services	20/08/2015 14/12/2015 10/08/2016

Appointment of Secretary Department of Parliamentary Services	24/09/2015 27/10/2016
Arrangements for annual report and communication of legislative changes	12/04/2016
Proposed amendments to the Parliamentary Service Determination 2013	02/08/2016 10/02/2016
Endorsement of Commissioner's representative for Department of the House of Representatives SES Band 1 selection	04/11/2016

The Parliamentary Service Commissioner has communicated with the Presiding Officers or their advisers on a range of issues via telephone or email. This communication has not always resulted in the provision of formal written advice. These matters include, but are not limited to:

- Parliamentary Budget Officer expiry of term and reappointment
- Representations by Senator Nick Xenophon regarding the Parliament House Florist
- Clarification of certain Parliamentary Librarian entitlements.