

## **Senate Question on Notice—Supplementary Budget Estimates 17 October 2016**

**45 Senator the Hon. Penny Wong:** asked the President of the Senate—

**The President:** At this stage I will not be releasing the capital works plan in public.

**Senator WONG:** Are you prepared to release it to the committee privately?

**The President:** I am prepared to discuss it and potentially release it to the committee.

**Senator WONG:** But a chat from you, Mr President, with respect—we find out a whole heap of things through Senate estimates or through things being announced that were not discussed with us. What is wrong with our understanding what the capital works plan is? You can redact the commercial-in-confidence information. There is no reason why that should not be provided to the committee.

**The President:** I am very happy to consider providing it to the committee, Senator Wong, in private

### **Answer**

I am prepared to release to the committee a schedule that comprises the major non-maintenance projects in the capital works program with an indication of the timeframe for each project and its current status. Where a project is in its initial planning stage a timeframe may not be known. The schedule will not contain financial information. The Department of Parliamentary Services will provide the schedule before the end of 2016.