

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Budget Estimates Hearing—February 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **elevator technician**

Question: **16**

Written **Senator Fifield**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 15 April 2011

1. Does elevator technician Mr Darryl Potts have a Parliament House security pass?
2. Does he have access to other Government buildings?
3. If so, which buildings?
4. How often is Mr Potts at Parliament House? Is it his home base?
5. Is the Department aware that Mr Potts has been evaluated by a psychiatrist as a threat to public safety?
6. It has been revealed that Mr Potts has posted anti-Semitic and other offensive posts to various internet sites from Parliament House computers. Has any disciplinary action been taken against Mr Potts?
7. What is the current status of Mr Potts' employment with the Department of Parliamentary Services?

Answer

- 1 Mr Potts no longer has a Parliament House security pass.
- 2 Unknown.
- 3 Unknown.
- 4 Mr Potts worked at Parliament House on a daily basis and, while he worked here, it could be considered his usual place of work.
- 5 DPS was not aware, prior to the newspaper articles, that Mr Potts had been evaluated by a psychiatrist.
- 6 DPS has raised with Thyssen-Krupps Mr Potts' internet usage while working at Parliament House.
- 7 Mr Potts is not an employee of DPS. His employer, Thyssen-Krupps, has removed Mr Potts from site.