

**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: **Hansard outsourcing—security measures**

Question: **20**

Hansard reference **F&PA p.46, 21 February 2011**

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

**CHAIR**—What security checks can you outline to the committee that you take for the individuals that you contract to?

**Mr Oglethorpe**—I believe that in the new arrangements there is some security vetting process but can I take that on notice and get back to you on the actual level that we do?

**Answer**

1 There are nine external providers who have signed a Deed of Standing Offer with DPS to provide transcription and/or audio services. Included in each contract are clauses which relate to confidentiality and security that each provider must abide by.

2 As part of managing these contracts, DPS obtains confirmation from the providers that confidentiality arrangements are instituted and followed.