

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2012

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Senior staff engagement

Question: 62

Hansard reference F&PA p.39, 13 February 2012

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 March 2012**

**Senator RONALDSON:** Mr Kenny, can you please provide on notice the senior staff engagement process in relation to the new CFO and the Librarian?

**Mr Kenny:** As in the advertisement, the panel et cetera?

**Senator RONALDSON:** Yes.

#### Answer

#### Assistant Secretary Corporate Services Branch

1 The Assistant Secretary Corporate Services Branch (Chief Financial Officer) position was advertised in the press (*The Canberra Times / The Australian*) on 26 March 2011. It was also published in the *APS Gazette* on 24 March 2011 and the CPA Australia website on 22 March 2011.

2 The panel for this recruitment consisted of the Secretary, DPS (Chair), the Parliamentary Librarian and the Chief Executive of the National Capital Authority (as delegate of the Parliamentary Service Commissioner).

3 There were 27 applicants—one internal applicant and 26 external applicants. One applicant withdrew. Five applicants were interviewed, including the internal candidate.

4 The appointment of Ms Karen Sheppard (external candidate) was gazetted on 9 June 2011.

#### Parliamentary Librarian

5 The Parliamentary Librarian position was advertised in the press on 14 January 2012 and was first gazetted on 12 January 2012. Applications for the role closed on 13 February 2012. The position was advertised in the *Financial Review*, *The Australian*, *The Canberra Times* and with the Australian Library and Information Association.

6 The Presiding Officers approved the selection panel for the recruitment of the Parliamentary Librarian. The panel consists of:

Mr Dick Adams MP, Joint Chair of the Library Committee

Senator Gary Humphries, Joint Chair of the Library Committee

Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Director-General of the National Library of Australia;  
and

Mr Russell D. Grove, Acting Secretary, DPS.

7 The process for the recruitment of the new Parliamentary Librarian has not been finalised. Interviews were held on Friday 16 March 2012.