

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

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Mr Thompson: I am very happy to respond to that. The committee will recall that about 12 months ago we reconfigured the car park. We took a lot of care to make sure that we still had taxi ranks in accessible locations and so on. One issue that we had not dealt with well enough at that stage was people with sight impairment making their way from the taxi rank through to the physical entry to the building. Mr Innes alerted us to that, and we have now put down tactile strips from where people would alight from a taxi all the way through to security point 1 in the basement. That has been in place for some weeks now.

Senator FIFIELD: And you have communicated that back to Mr Innes?

Mr Thompson: I believe so. I might have to check on that.

Answer

- 1 Secretary DPS wrote to Mr Innes on 5 April 2011, informing him that some immediate improvements were being made in order to assist people with disabilities access the building.