Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

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Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that. Are any of the items there as a result of matters raised by Mr Innes, the Disability Discrimination Commissioner? ...

Mr Kenny: I know that one of the issues that was raised by Mr Innes related to access in the public car park, which has now been addressed as part of the security work that is being done there rather than as a separate disability project. I do not have in front of me other issues that he may have identified. But we have provided you with the list of projects. If you like, we can go back and check our records to see what the correlation is between issues he has raised and what is on that list.

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. If you could, that would be good.

Answer

On 14 March 2011, Mr Innes raised a number of disability access issues relating to the interim arrangements in the public carpark that had been put in place during the construction to improve security in that area.

These were addressed and Mr Innes was formally advised of completed and forthcoming changes by the Secretary DPS on 5 April 2011. There has been no further correspondence from Mr Innes since then.