

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Heritage Assessment**
Question: **70**
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Senator FAULKNER: Was a heritage assessment done on any of these House of Representatives elements?

Mr Tate: I understand there were significant meetings with Mr Giurgola on the different elements of the work.

Senator FAULKNER: Fine, I appreciate that evidence but my question was this: was a heritage assessment done in relation to these refurbishment works?

Mr Kenny: We will provide that information as part of the other answers. As Nick said, there was a lot of consultation. Whether or not there is a document which says 'heritage assessment' at the heading, we will have to let you know.

Senator FAULKNER: If there was a heritage assessment done, in other words you will either answer 'no, there was not a heritage assessment' or 'yes, there was'. If there was, could the committee please be provided with a copy of it.

Answer

DPS has found no record of a formal heritage assessment having been undertaken. However, appropriate planning—including consultation with DPS heritage staff and consultation and moral rights notification processes with the original architect of Parliament House and the original craftsman of the Speaker's Chair—were undertaken in accordance with agreed processes.