

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Commissioner Sedgwick inquiry

Question: 74

Hansard reference F&PA p.40, 21 May 2012

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 6 July 2012

The President: My advice is that that has been concluded. I am prepared to give you a copy of the advice that I have received from the Public Service Commissioner.

Senator RONALDSON: Thank you; I appreciate that. When was that finalised?

The President: We do not have that date on hand, but we can find that out for you.

Answer

Two separate sets of allegations were referred to the Parliamentary Service Commissioner. Investigation into the first set was finalised on 4 April 2012. Investigation into the second by the Parliamentary Service Commissioner is continuing, though understood to be nearing completion.

The President wrote to the Chair, Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 24 May 2012 clarifying the record of the matter discussed at the Committee's Estimates hearing on 21 May 2012. A copy of that correspondence was also sent to Senator Ronaldson.