Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Protective security policy framework**

Question: **149**

Written   **Senator Ryan**

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Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer

DPS, like the Department of the Senate and the Department of the House of Representatives, is not strictly subject to the new policy framework and as such is not required to lodge a formal report on compliance this year. However, DPS is committed to working towards compliance with the 33 mandatory requirements set down in the policy framework as part of its obligation to best practice.

DPS continues to work towards these requirements in the context of broader endeavours to improve its strategic framework for security over the next 12 months, in concert with the chamber departments. This work is also linked to implementation of recommendations arising from the review of information and communication technology for the Parliament.

Currently, each parliamentary department has its own overarching protective security policy, although there are common operating policies and procedures relating to physical security. These policies reflect the requirements of the Protective Security Policy Framework, as they apply to the parliamentary operating environment.