

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Security incident
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Senator FIFIELD: No, not in terms of where an individual got to or who they endeavoured to speak to; but, let us just take the last year, how many other incidents of inadvertence have there been where someone has found themselves in the private areas of the building? ...

Senator FIFIELD: Let us take the two years before that.

Ms Mills: I have received a report, but I do not have it in front of me. I can certainly provide that on notice.

Senator FIFIELD: If you could. ... What I am interested in is the number of times this happens. Is this something that happens two or three times a year? Is it something that has happened four or five times a year every year for the last five years—a number of incidents where someone has found themselves in an area where they should not be?

Ms Mills: As I said, I will take that on notice, ...

Answer

There have been three reported incidents of unauthorised access to private areas of the building this financial year (to 30 September 2012). There were nine reported incidents in 2011–12, and one in 2010–11. None of the incidents resulted in harm to individuals, damage to property, or compromised information security.