



Intruder roams corridors of power

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A PARLIAMENT House intruder who managed to approach the Prime Minister in a serious security breach had earlier visited three MP offices, including the Deputy Prime Minister's and the Speaker's.

Artem Naumov made his visits on August 23,

as he wandered around the secure ministerial wing unnoticed for 40 minutes, Parliamentary Services Department secretary Carol Mills told a Senate estimates hearing yesterday.

That is despite security officers having a picture of him after he caused a scene in the building 10 days earlier.

He was not thrown out until after he approached Julia Gillard at a press conference and placed a note on the lectern. It read: "How Could This Happen? Terrorism, Foreign Defence Intelligence Threats, Deaths and Zero Response from Australian Law Enforcement."

Ms Mills said staff in Wayne Swan's office first noticed the intruder and phoned security but he eluded them for two minutes.

Liberal Senator Scott Ryan questioned the response time: "If someone can get from the Deputy Prime Minister's office to within a thrust with their hand of

the Prime Minister, all on national TV; the system has broken down."

“The system has broken down” — SCOTT RYAN