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Joint Standing Committee on the New and
Permanent Parliament House

Fourth Report

5 April 1979

Membership of the Committee

(31st Parliament)

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President of the Senate

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Clerk to the Committee
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- (1) Senator Evans was appointed to the Committee on 22 August 1978 in place of Senator McIntosh.
- (2) Senator Maunsell was appointed to the Committee on 31 May 1978 in place of Senator the Honourable T.C. Drake-Brockman, D.F.C.

Committee Report

In its Third Report, presented to Parliament on 30 May 1978, the Joint Standing Committee recommended adoption of a two stage competitive selection process to obtain the architectural design for the new and permanent Parliament House.

2. Following the announcement by the Prime Minister in November 1978 that construction of the new Parliament House would proceed the committee has been involved in preparation of a brief for the first stage of the design competition process.

3. The following time table is planned for the competition:

Registration	-	7 April to 31 May 1979
Stage 1 submissions	-	1 June to 31 August 1979
Stage 1 assessment	-	by 16 November 1979
Stage 2 submissions	-	19 November 1979 to 23 May 1980
Stage 2 assessment	-	by 15 July 1980
Approvals	-	by 31 August 1980

4. Competitors in the First Stage will be issued by the Parliament House Construction Authority with a document set out in five sections as follows:

Section A - Competition Conditions. This will describe the legal and mandatory conditions applying to the competition.

Section B - The Parliament. This will describe the various user groups in the building.

Section C - The Site. This will describe the context in which the building is to be designed.

Section D - Instructions to Competitors. This will define the submission material to be provided by competitors.

Section E - Design issues. This section will highlight the critical issues to be considered by competitors.

Section F - Elements. This will describe the spatial requirements of the users.

5. For ease of reference the document will be in two volumes - the first containing sections A to D, and the second sections E and F together with attachments such as maps, plans and photographs.

6. The committee has been responsible for the preparation of each section of the document and has settled its completed text. It has been particularly concerned with the content of Section B - The Parliament and Section F - Elements. Given that this is the first stage of a two stage competition, and that the building is not usual and is relatively complex, the requirements as described in this document have been kept in a broad context so that designers will have sufficient information but not be confined in their concepts. Second stage competitors will receive a more comprehensive and detailed brief.

7. Within this necessarily broad approach the committee is satisfied that the document accurately describes the Parliament's requirements in respect to functional aspects and spatial arrangements.

8. In developing accommodation estimates for 1988 the committee adopted the concept of providing for 64 Senators and 130 Members of the House of Representatives. However competitors are being asked to plan for future growth in the size of the Parliament.

9. The various user groups described in the document together with the areas proposed for 1988 are set out below:


<u>Group</u>	<u>m²</u>
Chambers and Halls	9347
Senators	3949
Department of the Senate	2372
Members of the House of Representatives	6978
Department of the House of Representatives	2452
Committees	3424
Refreshment rooms	4611
Parliamentary Library	4786
Joint House Department	1298
Parliamentary Reporting Staff	1076
Executive Government	7387
Opposition Executive	3318
Media	3022
Miscellaneous	5620
Total	59640

10. The next major task for the committee will be completion of the detailed design brief for stage 2 of the competition.

11. The committee will continue to report at significant points during the competitive selection process and throughout design development and construction stages.



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President of the Senate



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