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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE  
NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

REPORT RELATING TO PROPOSED WORKS IN THE  
PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STANDARD BUS SHELTERS AND ONE  
ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT IN KING GEORGE TERRACE

RELOCATION OF POLICE GUARD BOXES IN QUEEN  
VICTORIA TERRACE

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PROPOSED WORKS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

Construction of two standard bus shelters and one additional street light in King George Terrace

Relocation of police guard boxes in Queen Victoria Terrace

Under Clause 4 of its resolution of appointment, the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House is authorised to consider and report on matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 as may be referred to it by the Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, or by resolution of either House of the Parliament.

Section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 gives Parliament control over the erection of buildings or other work within the Parliamentary Zone which is defined in the Act. Sub-section 5(i) of the Act provides as follows:

No building or other work is to be erected on land within the Parliamentary Zone unless the Minister has caused a proposal for the erection of the building or work to be laid before each House of Parliament and the proposal has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

On 5 August 1983 by letters addressed to the Joint Chairmen, the Minister for Territories and Local Government, as Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, referred to the Committee a proposal for construction of two standard bus shelters and one additional street light in King George Terrace.

This proposal was tabled in the House of Representatives on 14 September 1983 and in the Senate on 20 September 1983.

On 9 January 1984, by letters addressed to the Joint Chairmen, the Minister referred to the Committee a proposal to relocate the two police guard boxes in Queen Victoria Terrace.

This proposal was tabled in the House of Representatives on 29 February 1984 and in the Senate on 1 March 1984.

The Committee has considered the proposals and reports as follows:

Construction of two standard bus shelters and one additional street light in King George Terrace

This proposal came before the Committee in October 1983 and at that time the Committee deferred consideration pending the receipt of additional advice on the design and location of the bus shelters. That decision was reported to the Parliament on 6 October 1983.

The Committee has now completed its consideration of the proposal and agrees to the proposed work which is estimated to cost \$9,000.

Relocation of police guard boxes in Queen Victoria Terrace

On 19 October 1978 the Senate and the House of Representatives approved the proposal to erect police guard boxes within the Parliamentary Zone at the rear of the provisional Parliament House.

The National Capital Development Commission has proposed the relocation of the two guard boxes from the southern side of Queen Victoria Terrace to a position on the northern side of the Terrace but still behind the provisional House. The relocation is required to allow the construction of access roads to the new Parliament House.

The estimated cost of the proposed work is \$8,000.

The Committee is satisfied that placement of the boxes in their new locations will enable appropriate surveillance to be maintained without undue intrusion on the surrounds of the building.

Conclusion

The Committee accepts the need for these works. The projects are of a minor nature and their construction will not adversely affect the Parliamentary Zone.

The Committee recommends that Parliament approve each proposal in the terms of the Parliament Act 1974.

(D. McCLELLAND)  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of  
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6 April 1984