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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW
AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

REPORT RELATING TO PROPOSED WORKS IN THE
PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING - OFFICIAL ENTRANCE FOR
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
NATIONAL LIBRARY - ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT STEPS

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(31st Parliament)

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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 Hon. T.C. Dracke-Brockman, DFC.

PROPOSED WORKS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

Administrative Building - Erection of official entrance
for the Department of Foreign Affairs

National Library - Erection of additional lighting at steps

Under clause 3 of its resolution of appointment, the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent 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 the Parliament and the proposal has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

On 28 August 1980, by letters to the Joint Chairmen, the Minister for the Capital Territory, as the Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, referred to the Committee the following proposals :

Administrative Building - Erection of official
entrance for the Department of Foreign Affairs,
and

National Library - Erection of additional lighting
at steps.

These proposals had been tabled in the House of Representatives on 19 August 1980 and in the Senate on 21 August 1980.

The Committee has considered the proposals and reports as follows :

Administrative Building - Official entrance for
Department of Foreign Affairs

The National Capital Development Commission is currently upgrading accommodation in the Administrative Building and improving the surrounds. As part of this project it is proposed to provide a porte-cochere at the official entrance of the Department of Foreign Affairs on the northern side of the building.

The porte-cochere consists of a covered set down area for cars carrying official visitors together with an associated entry lobby. Its design will retain the established character of the building and the materials used will blend with the existing finishes.

The Committee has been advised that the design has the agreement of the Departments of Administrative Services and Foreign Affairs and satisfies the appropriate security requirements.

National Library - Additional lighting at steps

The Committee was advised that there has been a long standing deficiency in the lighting at the steps of the main entrance to the National Library.

To rectify the situation the National Capital Development Commission proposes to instal four new 6.5 metre high light columns each fitted with mercury vapour lamps, replace existing incandescent lamps and relocate two flood-lighting batteries.

We note that the project has been designed in consultation with the ACT Electricity Authority and the National Library.

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.

(Condor L. Laucke)
President of the Senate

(B.M. Snedden)
Speaker of the House of
Representatives

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