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List of recommendations

2 Fit-out of the Australian Embassy in Doha, Qatar

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: fit-out of the Australian Embassy in Doha, Qatar.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides progress reports at key milestones during the fit out of the Australian Embassy in Doha, Qatar.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade establishes clear criteria for spatial requirements for different types of diplomatic work for its overseas embassies.

Dissenting Report of the Australian Labor Party Committee Members

Recommendation

Labor members recommend that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade seriously reconsider the need to demolish the existing office space fit out in the Tornado Tower, Doha, Qatar and seek out more cost effective solution for the taxpayer.

Recommendation

Labor members recommend that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade pursue a more cost effective fit out option for the Australian Embassy in Doha, Qatar.