

Introduction

- 1.1 The refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan, was referred to the Public Works Committee (PWC) of the 41st Parliament on 21 June 2007. The Committee had completed the inquiry process and adopted its report but did not table the report prior to the dissolution of the Parliament.¹ The referral therefore lapsed.
- 1.2 The refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan, was referred to the PWC of the 42nd Parliament on 13 March 2008. This Committee decided not to repeat the inquiry process as it was advised by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade that there had been no significant changes to the works since the original referral. Evidence taken on this inquiry is available on the Committee's website.²
- 1.3 This Committee has resolved to adopt the report as adopted by the PWC of the 41st Parliament without amendment. The following chapters are the report as adopted by the PWC of the 41st Parliament. Therefore any references to 'the Committee' in Chapters 2 to 4 refer to the PWC of the 41st Parliament.

1 In accordance with s.7 (a) of the Public Works Committee Act 1969 (the PWC Act), members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works of the 41st Parliament ceased to hold membership of the Committee on Wednesday 17 October 2007 when the Parliament dissolved for the general election held on Saturday 24 November 2007.

2 <www.aph.gov.au/pwc>

- 1.4 The Committee thanks the former Chair, the Hon Judi Moylan MP and the members of the PWC of the 41st Parliament for their time and expertise in conducting the inquiry.