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No. 14 dated Thursday, 21 March 2002

**PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE
OF WORK—CHRISTMAS ISLAND AIRPORT**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Proposed Christmas Island common-use infrastructure—Christmas Island Airport.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.



List of recommendations

2 The Proposed Works

Recommendation 1

In order to encourage international aircraft to use Christmas Island, the Committee recommends, as a matter of urgency, that the Department of Transport and Regional Services approach the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to remove its exemption on the provision of emergency services at the airport.

3 Consultations, Comments and Conclusions

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Regional Services seek further consultations with the Shire of Christmas Island in order to address any concerns raised by the Shire to the mutual satisfaction of the Shire and the Commonwealth.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Department of Transport and Regional Services enter into discussions with Christmas Island Phosphates in order to reach a compromise with regard to the removal of phosphate deposits from areas affected by the airport upgrades without the company's activities impacting on the cost or time frame of the project.

Recommendation 4

The Committee strongly recommends that the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government consider a social impact study and, if necessary, institute action to upgrade Christmas Island infrastructure and services to ensure that the local community is not disadvantaged by the anticipated increase of workers assigned to the proposed public works projects.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends the proposed common use infrastructure project on Christmas Island proceed pending approval of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and the fulfilment of the recommendations made in this report.