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List of Abbreviations

ABGR	Australian Building Greenhouse Rating
ANEC	Australian Noise Exposure Concept
ANEF	Australian Noise Exposure Forecast
Defence	Department of Defence
the Act	Public Works Committee Act 1969



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

No. 61 dated Wednesday, 12 October 2005

20 PUBLIC WORKS – PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE – REFERENCE OF WORK – PROPOSED RELOCATION OF 171ST AVIATION SQUADRON TO HOLSWORTHY BARRACKS, NSW

Dr Stone (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 relocation of 171st Aviation Squadron to Holsworthy Barracks, NSW.

Question – put and passed.



List of Recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that after the consultation process on environmental and cultural heritage matters has been completed, the Department of Defence report its findings to the Committee.

Recommendation 2

Subject to satisfactory reporting of the first recommendation, the Committee recommends that works relating to the proposed relocation of the 171st Aviation Squadron to Holsworthy Barracks, NSW, proceed at the estimated cost of \$92 million.