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List of acronyms

DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
OPO	Overseas Property Office
PWC	Public Works Committee



List of recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the proposed refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan proceeds at an estimated cost of \$22 million.