

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The conclusions and recommendations of the Committee and the paragraph in the report to which each refers are set out below:

- 1. The first building constructed for the Commonwealth is No 4 Treasury Place, located in Melbourne's historic Treasury Reserve precinct and is closely associated with the early history of Federation. (paragraph 27)**
- 2. In the past, the building housed the office of the Prime Minister, Cabinet and the Commonwealth Treasury. Today, the building houses the Melbourne offices of the Prime Minister, Cabinet, the Governor-General, former Prime Ministers and Governors-General, Melbourne-based Ministers and visiting Ministers. (paragraph 28)**
- 3. It is listed on the Register of the National Estate and must be preserved for future generations. (paragraph 29)**
- 4. Whilst the building appears structurally sound, there is a need to refurbish the interior and exterior. (paragraph 30)**
- 5. Internally, the building's finishes and services are showing signs of disrepair and have reached the end of their economic lives. (paragraph 31)**
- 6. Externally, the building requires extensive restoration and the removal of extensions and roof repairs. (paragraph 32)**
- 7. The proposed internal and external works are extensive and can be justified to preserve the building and to provide office accommodation of a suitable standard. (paragraph 83)**
- 8. The building certifiers have confirmed that emergency egress from the basement will be the subject of a dispensation from the Building Code of Australia. Emergency evacuation of basement occupants should be accorded the highest priority. The suitability of the basement as a public resource or interpretation centre should be investigated further. The views of the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigades should be sought before final plans are developed for the basement. (paragraph 128)**
- 9. The scope and design of building services and systems are appropriate for the operation of the building subject to basement emergency evacuation requirements being satisfactorily addressed. (paragraph 136)**
- 10. The Committee recognises the sensitive nature of heritage issues raised by the Australian Heritage Commission and requests continuing advice and information about ongoing discussions between the Department of Finance and Administration and the Commission to ensure that all**

**options are properly explored to maintain the heritage aspects of the building. (paragraph 147)**

**11. The Committee recommends the refurbishment of No 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne, at an estimated cost of \$17.8 million. (paragraph 165)**

Hon. Judi Moylan  
Chair

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