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### Proposed Refurbishment of Australia House in London

The Proposed refurbishment of Australia House in London outlined in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) submission to the Committee dated February 2005, is not directly subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth Energy Policy as detailed in the then Department of Industry, Science and Resources March 2000 publication titled *Measures for Improving Energy Efficiency in Commonwealth Operations*.

The Department of Environment and Heritage through its division, the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO), highly recommends that DFAT considers (subject to specific operational, functional and security requirements) all appropriate energy efficiency initiatives such as the National Framework on Energy Efficiency and Greenlight Australia that have both been approved by the Ministerial Council on Energy in 2004.

Greenlight Australia is a long term strategy to improve the energy efficiency of lighting in Australia between 2005-2015. It includes an associated 20% energy efficiency target for lighting. The web reference for DFAT is <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/library/pubs/200418-greenlight.pdf>.

Whilst we recognise that the British lighting standard may differ from the Australian standard, Australia currently regulates linear fluorescent lamps and ballasts. Copies of the relevant standards can be obtained from Standards Australia, web page reference <http://www.standards.com.au> to assist in determining the appropriate lighting standard. Please contact the AGO for any assistance or clarification is required in relation to these issues.

AGO in reviewing Section 19 of DFAT's submission, recognises a number of energy efficiency measures which will minimise energy consumption, however the refurbishment should endeavour to use the energy target of 207 mega joules per square metre (MJ/m<sup>2</sup>) as guidance for what would be expected in an Australian office/tenancy refurbishment.

Should you wish additional information please contact me at the Australian Greenhouse  
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Yours sincerely

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