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List of Abbreviations

ADF	Australian Defence Force
the Act	<i>Public Works Committee Act 1969</i>
CIS/EW	Communication and Information Systems/Electronic Warfare
DFSS	Defence Force School of Signals
LEAP	Living Environment Accommodation Precincts
LIA	Live-in Accommodation



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings from the House of Representatives

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REFERENCE OF WORK – DEFENCE FORCE SCHOOL OF SIGNALS
REDEVELOPMENT, SIMPSON BARRACKS, WATSONIA, VICTORIA

Ms Gambaro (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs), 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: Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment, Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria.

Question – put and passed.



List of Recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

To take advantage of economies of scale the Committee recommends that where possible Defence consider coordinating future accommodation works with the phases of Single LEAP.

Recommendation 2

As there is some uncertainty over the relocation of the EW Wing at Carbarlah, the Committee recommends that Defence inform it as to the final decision on its future, and any savings that might be achieved if relocation does not proceed.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that if it is decided not to relocate Carbarlah to Watsonia, it be informed as to any consequential savings.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that Defence consider the refurbishment of structurally sound buildings over demolition, including Building 160, and that this work be undertaken either as part of the current scope of works or when funds are available.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the proposed Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment at Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria proceed at the estimated cost of \$101.3 million excluding GST.

