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- **Development and construction of housing for Defence at RAAF Base Tindal, Northern Territory**
- **Construction of a new Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya**
- **CSIRO Clayton Property Strategy, Clayton, Victoria**
- **Reserve Bank of Australia, National Banknote Site, Craigieburn, Victoria**
- **CSIRO Consolidation Project, Australian Capital Territory**

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List of recommendations

3 Construction of a new Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Construction of a new Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya.

4 CSIRO Clayton Property Strategy, Clayton, Victoria

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: CSIRO Clayton Property Strategy, Clayton, Victoria.

5 Reserve Bank of Australia, National Banknote Site, Craigieburn, Victoria

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Reserve Bank of Australia, National Banknote Site, Craigieburn, Victoria.

6 CSIRO Consolidation Project, Australian Capital Territory

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that CSIRO continue its consultations with staff, with a view to implementing measures to address staff concerns where this is warranted and feasible.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: CSIRO Consolidation Project, Australian Capital Territory.