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MIDLIFE ENGINEERING SERVICES REFURBISHMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PARIS

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Statement of Evidence for the above mentioned works for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

A review of the Statement of Evidence to the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works has been carried out for compliance with the *Energy in Government Operations* (EEGO) policy.

In this case, compliance with the EEGO policy on these works is not required because it does not apply to the overseas Australian Government properties.

My colleagues and I have discussed the above mentioned works with DFAT and we are satisfied that DFAT has the intention to strive to meet the elements of the EEGO policy where it is cost-effective to do so. DEWHA also encouraged DFAT to use the Green Lease Schedule for the above mentioned works if applicable.

Yours sincerely



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