



Information Circular No: **2010/24** Date: 24 September 2010

TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

**Access arrangements for Opening of Parliament on 28 September 2010,
and building services for the ACT public holiday on 27 September 2010**

1 The opening of the 43rd Parliament has necessitated some changes to building access arrangements on Tuesday 28 September 2010 as set out below. Paragraph 9 also provides information about changes to services within the building on Monday 27 September.

Welcome to Country ceremony on the Forecourt

2 Senators, Members, invited guests and passholders attending the Welcome to Country ceremony are requested to access the Forecourt from within the building using the main front ceremonial doors, before 8:50am.

3 At the conclusion of the ceremony, Senators, Members and invited guests can re-enter the building through the ceremonial entrance. Other passholders are requested to re-enter the building through the basement car park entrance at Security Point 1.

4 Members of the public will be able to view the Welcome to Country ceremony from a designated location at the northern end of the Forecourt. Apart from the designated public viewing area, there will be no public access to the Forecourt from 8:00am until after the Welcome to Country ceremony has concluded.

5 The Welcome to Country ceremony will also be broadcast on Channel 15 of the House Monitoring System, and in the Parliament House Theatre.

Members' Hall

6 Access into the ground floor of Members' Hall will be limited to the official party, Senators, Members, and invited guests between:

- (a) 9:15am and 11:30am, and
- (b) 1:45pm and 5:00pm.

7 Passholders are requested to use alternative routes when moving through the building during these times.

Car parking

8 Passholders are requested to use the Senate, House of Representatives or Ministerial car parks on 28 September 2010 in order to facilitate members of the public and official guests parking in the public underground car park.

ACT public holiday on Monday 27 September

9 A limited range of services will be available on this day for Senators, Members and other building occupants as follows:

Services	Comments
Queen's Terrace Café	9:30am to 4:30pm Full service, including hot food items
Staff Dining Room	8:00am to 3:00pm Limited service including coffee and other hot beverages, morning tea items and pre-made sandwiches
Client Support (2020)	8:30am to 5:00pm
Switchboard	8:00am to 6:00pm
Parliament Shop	9:00am to 5:00pm
HRG Australia (Travel)	8:00am to 6:00pm
Parliamentary Library	2:00pm to 4:00pm
Ground Floor Newspaper Reading Room	Open as normal
First Aid	First aid assistance should be directed to extension 7117 as the Nurses Centre will be closed.
Ministerial Wing ground floor entrance (including slip roads for authorised passholders)	7:00am to 6:00pm All other entrances open as normal

10 All other building services will operate as normal from the morning of Tuesday 28 September 2010.



Alan Thompson
Secretary