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TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND ALL BUILDING OCCUPANTS

Couch grass trial—closure of sports ground

1 To reduce water consumption for the Parliament House precinct, the Department of Parliamentary Services has been conducting a trial usage of couch grass, rather than existing blends of grasses for our extensive lawns. The focus of the trial is the Senate sports ground.

2 As part of the trial, in April 2010, the couch grass growing on the sports ground was over sown with rye grass to maintain a suitable surface during winter.

3 Weather conditions, ambient air temperatures and soil temperatures are currently favourable for the rye to be removed allowing the couch grass to come out of its winter dormancy.

4 In order to give the couch the best conditions for recovery, the sports ground will be closed from Friday 1 October until Thursday 11 November 2010.

5 Federation Mall will be available as an alternative venue for sporting activities. To arrange for the use of part of Federation Mall for sporting activities or for additional information please contact Paul Janssens at Landscape Services on extn 5258.

6 The Department of Parliamentary Services apologises for any inconvenience caused by these works.

Alan Thompson
Secretary