PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA SECURITY INFORMATION CIRCULAR

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TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

Public Car Park—Security measures

1 In 2009 the Parliament House Security Management Board initiated a review of security provisions for the Parliamentary precinct. Amongst other matters, the review recommended changes to the main public car park. In response to the review, the Presiding Officers have now approved modifications to the car park layout, as well as the erection of various barriers. We expect to make the initial changes through some interim measures, followed up by later permanent measures.

2 The changes to parking will include:

- (a) implementing a vehicle-free zone at the top end of the car park adjacent to the lift and Point 1 entrance to the building;
- (b) parking of all large buses, medium and over size vehicles in the bottom or northern end of the car park;
- (c) height restriction of 2.1m for vehicles in the upper or southern end of the car park; and
- (d) a minor change to the location of the taxi rank.

3 Disabled parking arrangements will be unchanged. Special access arrangements will be made for emergency and maintenance vehicles in the top end of the car park.

4 To implement the changes we will need to temporarily close the bottom end of the car park from Friday 26 February to mid March 2010. In addition, selected areas of the top end of the car park will be cordoned off to allow kerb works over the same period. A diagram of the affected areas is attached.

5 Area and lane closures will be clearly sign posted. During this work period, there will be no changes to the parking and access arrangements at the top end of the car park for buses, cars, taxis and disabled parking.

6 In late March 2010 parking arrangements to suit the new layout in the car park will come into effect. These will be the subject of a separate advisory circular closer to the changeover date.

7 Commencing in 2010/11, we also expect to replace some of the interim barriers with permanent barriers. We will provide further advice about these measures in mid 2010.

8 We apologise for any inconvenience which may be caused by these changes, but we take your safety and security seriously, and we ask you to be patient through this period.

9 For further information please contact Mr John Edwards, DPS Project Manager on (02) 6277 5182.

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