

PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA SECURITY INFORMATION CIRCULAR

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TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

Rescheduled Emergency Evacuation Exercise—Wednesday 28 April 2010

1 Senators, Members and other building occupants are advised that the Emergency Evacuation Exercise planned for 21 April 2010 will now be conducted on Wednesday 28 April 2010. The evacuation will be a partial evacuation of the building using a security scenario.

2 The exercise will commence with the "Alert" tone being sounded throughout the building by means of the Emergency Warning Intercommunications System (**EWIS**). Evacuation of only the affected areas will commence on the sounding of the "Evacuation" tone through the EWIS. Wardens and Assistant Wardens will supervise the partial evacuation in accordance with the Building Emergency Procedures for Parliament House.

3 It is essential that all occupants are familiar with the evacuation procedures. The Presiding Officers have been informed that no exemptions from participation in evacuation exercises will be granted to staff of the three parliamentary departments other than in exceptional circumstances. In particular, staff (such as Hansard or Committee Secretariat staff supporting Parliamentary Committees) will not be exempted from participating in the exercise to support the operations of other building occupants who choose not to participate in the exercise.

4 Any enquiries, or feedback on the conduct of the exercise, should be directed to the Deputy Chief Warden, Mr Brian Sankey, on extn 8127, or by email to brian.sankey@aph.gov.au.

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