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## **Deferral of Emergency Evacuation Exercise – Tuesday 16 November 2010**

- 1 I recently advised that there would be an Emergency Evacuation Exercise for Parliament House early on Tuesday 16 November 2010. However, the House of Representatives will now sit much earlier on this day than the usual 2.00pm commencement time.
- 2 There is a significant risk that the evacuation exercise would affect Members and staff preparing for the sitting. **The scheduled evacuation exercise has therefore been deferred.**
- 3 At this stage we are considering rescheduling the exercise for one of the sitting days in the second November sitting week, but we will only finalise a date once the sitting timetable for the second sitting week has been confirmed.
- 4 Emergency Evacuation exercises are difficult to conduct, but they are a vital part of the safety system for occupants and visitors to Parliament House, so it is important that we find another time to conduct this exercise.



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