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TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

Emergency Evacuation Exercise—Tuesday 5 April 2011 (evening exercise)

1 Senators, Members and other building occupants are advised that an emergency evacuation exercise will be conducted on the evening of Tuesday 5 April 2011. The evacuation will be a partial evacuation of the building at 9:00pm and will be based on a suspected gas leak scenario.

2 This exercise will require evacuation of the Senate side of the building. During the exercise the Senate entrance will be closed. People arriving at the Senate entrance while the exercise is underway will be requested to wait at the entrance until completion of the exercise. All car parks will remain open throughout the exercise, and there will be no road closures.

3 The exercise will commence with the "Alert" tone being sounded throughout the building by means of the Emergency Warning Intercommunications System (**EWIS**). The evacuation of the Senate side of the building will then proceed on the sounding of the "Evacuation" tone through the EWIS. Personnel are to evacuate the building in accordance with the Building Emergency Procedures for Parliament House.

4 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 DPS staff.

5 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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