Full Parliament House Emergency Evacuation Exercise— 8:30am to approx. 9:15am - Tuesday 30 October 2012

A full emergency evacuation exercise will take place on Tuesday 30 October 2012 at 8.30am.

The exercise will require all areas of the building to be evacuated.

It is expected that staff will be able to return to their offices about 45 minutes from commencement at 8:30am.

The exercise will begin with an "Alert" tone (beep beep beep). When you hear this tone turn off your computer and prepare to evacuate.

The next alert tone will be an "Evacuation" tone (whoop whoop whoop). At this evacuation tone, building occupants should immediately evacuate the building and proceed to their nearest assembly point.

Do not use the lifts to leave the building. Special arrangements will be in place to assist people with a physical disability or impairment which means they cannot use the stairs.

Wardens will be available to direct you to the nearest of the four assembly points around the building.

There will be no entry to the building during the exercise for staff or visitors. People arriving at building entrances will be asked to wait until the exercise is finished. However, all car parks will remain open and there will not be any road closures.

A full emergency evacuation is conducted each year at Parliament House to comply with the Australian standards for emergency evacuations. Every second year the exercise takes places on a sitting day to ensure all building occupants are familiar with evacuation procedures and the assembly points identified on the attached plan.

We recognise the inconvenience of this exercise and will be doing everything possible to ensure a quick re-entry to the building and that any unnecessary disruption is minimised. Streamlined arrangements will be in place at the Senate and House of Representative entrances to speed up re-entry to these points in particular.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact Assistant Director Security Support, Brian Sankey, on (02) 6277 8127 or email brian.sankey@aph.gov.au.

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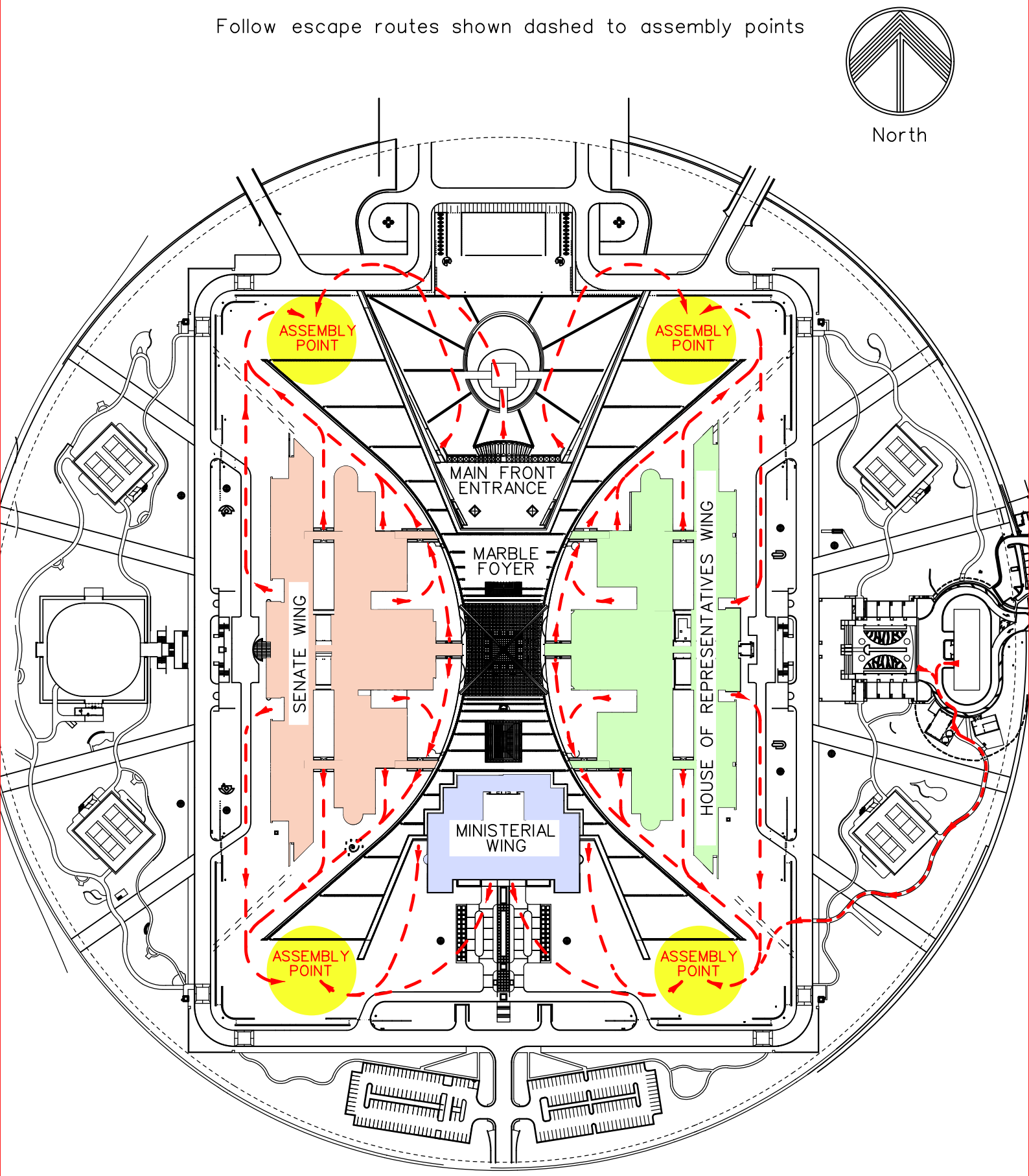
ROUTES TO ASSEMBLY AREAS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Follow escape routes shown dashed to assembly points