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Dear colleagues

In recent years, we have collectively delivered many positive achievements in support of our parliament and parliamentarians. We have enabled the work of others who support the parliamentary process and ensured the many thousands who visit Parliament House each year are made welcome and learn about our parliamentary democracy.

At the same time we have been delivering an ambitious program of capital works to renew the building infrastructure to ensure we preserve Parliament House – the construction of which was a nation building project and has become an icon of Australian parliamentary democracy.

DPS is a very broad service organisation and comprises many interrelated moving parts. From the moment you witness our landscape, go through security, walk along the polished floors in air conditioned comfort, look at the art works, switch on your PC, receive your pay, buy your coffee, take a guided tour or watch our parliamentarians at work in the chamber on a TV – you are experiencing all our people at work. There are many more enabling functions we perform that I haven't listed that are less visible, but no less important!

Your efforts have helped us make significant improvements to the way we deliver our services and our transformation journey in recent years means that we manage our core business effectively and our governance and accountability systems are sound. The careful way we have managed COVID Safe measures for the whole building, then rapidly and successfully delivered a system for remote participation by parliamentarians this last fortnight is testament to our strength and capability.

Today, a [motion](#) was passed in the Senate on the motion of Senator Kitching, for the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee to inquire and report into the operation and management of DPS, by 8 December 2020.

Inquiries are a routine activity of parliamentary committees and a normal part of working in the Commonwealth. I welcome the opportunity to put our collective achievements on the public record and highlight in detail, the valuable work we do as a department to support the Australian Parliament.

I will provide an update once the inquiry process commences.

Kind regards

Rob Stefanic
Secretary



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