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Foreword

I thank all members for their contributions to the work of the Committee. I especially thank Senator Judith Troeth and Mr John Forrest MP, my Deputy Chairs over the past year, for their assistance and guidance. I also thank all staff of the Committee Secretariat.

Ms Janelle Saffin MP
Chair



Membership of the Committee

43rd Parliament Membership

Chair Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Deputy Chair Senator the Hon Judith Troeth
(until 30/6/11)

Deputy Chair until 30/6/11

Mr John Forrest MP

Deputy Chair from 7/7/11

Members Mrs Karen Andrews MP

Senator Gavin Marshall (until 30/6/11)

Senator Sue Boyce (from 20/9/11)

Mr Bernie Ripoll MP (until 14/3/12)

Senator Michael Forshaw (until 30/6/11)

Mr Patrick Secker MP (from 10/5/11)

Senator Alex Gallacher (from 1/7/11)

Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
(until 24/3/11)

Mr Steve Georganas MP

Senator Anne Urquhart (from 1/7/11)

Ms Jill Hall MP (from 14/3/12)

Committee Secretariat

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Annual Report

- 1.1 Under Section 16 of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* (the Act), the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works must table in each house of the Parliament a report of its proceedings during the calendar year just ended.
- 1.2 All public works that have an estimated cost exceeding \$15 million must be referred to the Committee and cannot be commenced until the Committee has made its report to Parliament, and the House of Representatives resolves that it is expedient to carry out the work.¹
- 1.3 The Act states that in considering and reporting on a public work, the Committee shall have regard to:
 - the stated purpose of the work and its suitability for that purpose;
 - the necessity for, or the advisability of, carrying out the work;
 - the most effective use that can be made, in the carrying out of the work, of the moneys to be expended on the work;
 - where the work purports to be of a revenue-producing character, the amount of revenue that it may reasonably be expected to produce; and
 - the present and prospective public value of the work.²
- 1.4 The year 2011 was a busy one for the Committee, having conducted inquiries into 11 works which had a combined cost of \$782.7 million. A list of the works and their individual costs is at Appendix A.

1 The Act, Part III, Section 18 (8). Exemptions from this requirement are provided for work of an urgent nature, defence work contrary to the public interest, repetitive work, and work by prescribed authorities listed in the *Regulations*.

2 The Act, Part III, Section 17 (3).

- 1.5 During 2011, the Committee also considered 48 medium works proposals (those valued between \$2 million and \$15 million), with a combined value of \$433.3 million. A list of medium works notified to the Committee can be found at Appendix B.
- 1.6 The Committee's reports, submissions to each inquiry and transcripts of associated public hearings are available on the Committee's website.³ The Committee's website also provides previously tabled reports and the procedure manual, which assists agencies to prepare projects for Committee review. A list of all Committee meetings and hearings held during 2011 is at Appendix C.

Inquiries and reports

- 1.7 The Act requires the Committee to consider and report on each referred work 'as expeditiously as is practicable'.⁴ The Committee takes this seriously and ensures that all inquiries are completed as quickly as possible. In 2011, the average time from referral of works to report tabling was 15 weeks. The average of 15 weeks is more typical for inquiry completion than the figure of nine weeks for the year 2010. There were extenuating circumstances in that year.
- 1.8 The inquiry process allows time for public comment on proposed works, and for the Committee to inspect the proposed work site(s) prior to holding public and private hearings to take evidence about the works. The Committee also considers the parliamentary sitting calendar when planning its inquiry timetable to ensure that reports can be finalised and tabled promptly when both houses of Parliament are sitting.⁵
- 1.9 The Committee raised this issue with the Department of Finance and Deregulation, suggesting that it would assist the work of the Committee if agencies were to be able to refer works out of session.
- 1.10 Substantial breaks in the parliamentary sittings and federal elections can delay projects. It is essential that agencies consider possible delays in their project planning, and include appropriate contingencies. The Committee does not condone any breach of its Act due to such delays.

3 <www.aph.gov.au/pwc>.

4 The Act, Section 17(1)

5 In any event, a work cannot commence until after the Committee has reported to both houses and the House of Representatives has resolved that the work can commence – the latter of which can only occur when the House is sitting.

Medium works

- 1.11 The Committee continues to publish a list of medium works notifications on its website. The current list includes all works approved since the beginning of the 43rd Parliament.
- 1.12 The Committee reminds Australian Government departments, agencies and authorities of their obligations under the medium works process. This process forms an important part of the parliamentary scrutiny of Commonwealth public works expenditure.
- 1.13 It is incumbent upon departments to ensure that all agencies within the portfolio are aware of the Committee's role and processes. Further, departments must provide all necessary assistance so that smaller agencies may fulfil their obligations to the Committee and the Parliament.
- 1.14 The Committee's manual gives clear instructions about the medium works process, and the Secretariat is always available to give additional information about the process to agencies. Agencies should contact the Secretariat well ahead of time, as the parliamentary calendar has a significant impact on the Committee's capacity to consider medium works proposals.

Need for a project and options considered

- 1.15 The need for a particular project must be demonstrated and fully discussed in an agency's statement of evidence or submission to an inquiry. In particular, agencies must demonstrate where the works fit in to a wider policy framework.
- 1.16 The options considered for each project or project scope element must also be discussed in detail. There have been several occasions in the past year where an agency's submission has lacked this detail, only for it to come to light during the project inspection and briefing provided to the Committee prior to the public hearing for the inquiry. It is necessary that this level of detail be provided to the Committee in the main submission or statement of evidence at the beginning of an inquiry so that it may be fully considered in advance of any public hearings.
- 1.17 In 2012, the Committee will be looking to ensure that each agency thoroughly assesses the need and options considered for each project.

Post implementation review

- 1.18 Australian Government departments, agencies and authorities must prepare a post-implementation review of each project completed.
- 1.19 On project completion, the Committee must be informed whether the project remained within the advised scope, cost and timeframe.
- 1.20 Further, the Committee expects information regarding:
- the extent to which the expected business benefits, including environmental benefits, have been or are expected to be achieved;
 - user satisfaction with the delivered works;
 - consultations with neighbouring communities that may be impacted by the works; and
 - lessons learned.

Review of the Public Works Committee Act

- 1.21 In 2011, the Committee met with representatives of the Department of Finance and Deregulation at a roundtable discussion, to consider the possibility of amending the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* to update certain aspects or provisions.
- 1.22 In particular there are some sections of the Act relating to the Committee's procedures and processes that do not reflect contemporary models for the operation of joint statutory committees. Additionally, some provisions of the Act are acknowledged to be outdated or unduly cumbersome.
- 1.23 A key example for consideration concerns urgent works. Currently, the only provision in the Act for exemption of works due to urgency (Section 18(8)(b)) requires the Minister for Finance and Deregulation to move an expediency motion in the House of Representatives. Once exempted on the basis of urgency, the Committee has no role in scrutinising the works.
- 1.24 However, catastrophic events, emergencies or natural disasters can occur at any time when the Parliament is not in session. The Act could be amended to provide that the Governor-General exempt a work on the grounds of urgency when the Parliament is not in session, in the same manner as allowed for referral of works under Section 18(4). The amendment could provide that the sponsoring agency be required to brief

the Committee on the work within an appropriate time after the work has commenced (e.g. three months), and to provide a post-implementation report when the work has been completed.

- 1.25 The Committee plans to give further consideration to these issues in the coming year.

Public Works Committee Act exemptions

- 1.26 During 2011 there were two notable circumstances where authorities were exempted from Committee scrutiny. These were:
- the National Broadband Network Co Limited (NBN Co); and
 - Aboriginal Land Trusts.

National Broadband Network

- 1.27 In 2009 the Government established the NBN Co as a Government Business Enterprise. NBN Co's responsibilities are to plan, rollout and operate the NBN.
- 1.28 The Act allows that the Governor General may make regulations declaring that the Act does not apply to that authority when she 'is satisfied that an authority of the Commonwealth is engaging in trading or other activities, or is providing services, in competition with other bodies'.⁶
- 1.29 On 1 July 2010, the Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 173 - Public Works Committee Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) (the Regulations) was registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments kept under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. The Regulations were to amend the Public Works Committee Regulations 1969, to include NBN Co and its wholly-owned subsidiaries as an exempt Commonwealth authority under subsection 6A(3) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*. On 28 September 2010, the Regulations were tabled in both houses of the Parliament.
- 1.30 Notice was given of a disallowance motion on 18 November 2010. The disallowance motion was debated in the House of Representatives on 1 March 2011 where it was negatived, endorsing the Regulations that make the NBN Co an exempted authority.⁷

6 PWC Act, Subsection 6A(3).

7 <www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2010L01725>

- 1.31 While exempted from Public Works Committee scrutiny, the NBN Co is still subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. In March 2011, the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network was established by resolution of both houses to inquire into the rollout of the NBN project. The Joint Committee reports to the Parliament, the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and the Minister for Finance every six months. NBN Co is also required to table its annual report in Parliament.⁸
- 1.32 Notwithstanding its establishment, the Joint Committee does not possess the powers of the Public Works Committee.

Aboriginal Land Trusts

- 1.33 On 2 June 2011, the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (the Bill) was introduced into the House. The Bill comprised five schedules, four of which propose amendments to legislation in order to give effect to 2011–12 Budget measures. The fifth schedule in the Bill, proposed to exempt Aboriginal Land Trusts from the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* by inserting a new section into the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.⁹
- 1.34 The Aboriginal Land Trusts are established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to hold title to land in the Northern Territory for the benefit of Aboriginal people entitled by Aboriginal tradition to use or occupy the land concerned.
- 1.35 The Bill's Explanatory Memorandum described the purpose of the fifth schedule as follows:

This Schedule amends the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Land Rights Act) to clarify that the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* (the PWC Act) does not apply to Aboriginal Land Trusts.¹⁰

8 <www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jcnbn/index.htm>

9 <[parlinfo/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;adv%3Dyes;orderBy%3Dcustomrank;page%3D0;query%3DFamily%20Assistance%20and%20Other%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%202011%20Dataset%3AbillsCurBef,billsCurNotBef;rec%3D0;resCount%3DDefault](#)>

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- 1.36 On 2 June, the Bill was referred for inquiry to the following committees:
- House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs; and
 - Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee.
- 1.37 While the reports of both Committee inquiries supported the schedule 5 amendment, each noted that concerns had been raised. In its report of 14 June 2011, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs noted:
- If this amendment is passed, it is unclear what scrutiny and accountability processes will be put in place for the administration and expenditure of these funds if the PWC requirement is removed. Regardless of which authority administers the funding, FaHCSIA or Aboriginal Land Trusts, it is important that proper processes of scrutiny and accountability are in place.¹¹
- 1.38 Reporting on 22 June 2011, the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee observed that it was aware that the Public Works Committee has expressed concern about ensuring that all relevant works are subject to the scrutiny intended by the Act, but also noting:
- The committee was concerned whether the schedule would set a precedent in how exemptions to the Public Works Committee Act occur. It was concerned that there was a difference of view between that Parliamentary committee and FAHCSIA about the application of the Act.¹²
- 1.39 Notwithstanding these observations, the Bill was debated in both houses of the Parliament and passed on 23 June 2011. The Bill received assent on 28 June 2011.

Committee comment

- 1.40 The issue of authorities seeking to use provisions of the Act inappropriately to exempt individual works from Committee scrutiny is a consistent theme and has been raised over the years in the Committee's Annual Reports. While acknowledging that in some cases there may be genuine reasons for individual works to be exempted on the grounds of

11 <www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/bill_family_assistance/report.htm>

12 <www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/family_assistance_11/report/index.htm>

urgency or national security, the Committee has clearly asserted that exemptions should not be sought simply because authorities have not allowed sufficient time for projects to be subject to parliamentary oversight by the Committee.

1.41 While acknowledging that the Act also makes provision for authorities of the Commonwealth to be exempted from Committee scrutiny through regulations, as noted this requires approval of the Governor-General who must be satisfied that the authority is engaged in trading or other activities, or is providing services, in competition with other bodies. Where blanket exemptions of this type are sought, the Committee is keen to ensure that they can be fully justified.

1.42 Furthermore, the Committee has concerns about the capacity of authorities to use amendments to establishing legislation in order to exempt themselves from scrutiny and the precedence that this may set for other statutory authorities. The Committee reminds authorities that the Public Works Committee process should not be viewed as an impediment, but rather an opportunity for the Parliament and the authorities concerned to ensure that their capital works expenditure represents the best value for money, and that resulting works are fit for purpose.

Conclusion

1.43 The Committee thanks everyone who has assisted or participated in the Committee's inquiries in 2011. In particular, the Committee appreciates input from members of the public.

1.44 The Committee makes particular acknowledgement of the contribution made by the Special Claims and Land Policy Branch of the Department of Finance and Deregulation. This branch assists agencies with their preparation of proposals for consideration by the Committee, and assists the Minister in his management of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*.

1.45 The Committee acknowledges the recently retired Senator Judith Troeth and Senator Michael Forshaw, and greatly appreciates their contribution to the Committee's work. Both Senators displayed a high level of commitment and integrity, and helped new members of the Committee learn the Committee's role and processes. The Committee thanks them and wishes them well in their future endeavours.

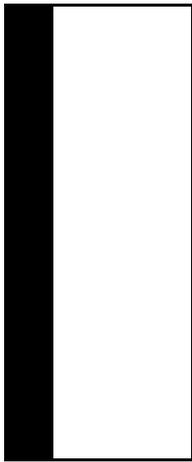
1.46 The Committee also thanks the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Mr Bernie Ripoll MP and Senator Gavin Marshall for their service to the Committee.

- 1.47 The Committee welcomes Senator Alex Gallacher, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Sue Boyce and Mr Patrick Secker MP, who joined the Committee in 2011.

Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Chair

15 March 2012



Supplementary statement by Coalition Members of the Committee

Coalition Members of the Public Works Committee (PWC) express in the strongest possible terms their objection that the normal role of the Committee in supervising the expenditure of public monies has been deliberately usurped by an act of the majority of the Parliament in respect to the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The NBN represents the largest financial commitment to a work in the history of the Parliament and it is a travesty that the PWC's normal good work in scrutinizing the activity of Government Departments in the national interest has been prevented on this project.

Notwithstanding that this Annual Report makes reference to this particular exemption, the Report waxes lyrically on the need for Departments to provide the PWC with the following:

- (a) the stated purpose of the work and its suitability for that purpose
- (b) the necessity for, or the advisability of, carrying out the work
- (c) the most effective use that can be made, in the carrying out of the work, or the monies to be expended on the work
- (d) where the work purports to be of a revenue producing character, the amount of revenue that it may be reasonably expected to produce
- (e) the present and prospective public value of the work
- (f) that procurement processes satisfy the high standards of probity for Commonwealth projects.

Notwithstanding that a special Joint House Committee has been established for the NBN, this new Committee does not possess the power of the PWC.

The PWC prides itself on the rigorous pursuit of all the above principles and has the capacity to refuse projects if it is not satisfied on any of them.

Opposition Members of the PWC are not confident that all of the above principles are being observed in respect to the NBN nor that the new Joint Committee has the equivalent power of the PWC including the consideration of commercial in confidence information.

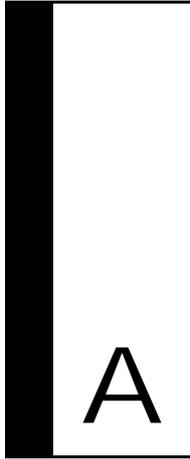
Coalition Members therefore record their protest in this supplementary statement at this blatant repudiation of the good work of the PWC and its vigorous oversight of public expenditure over many Parliaments

John Forrest MP (Deputy Chair)
Member for Mallee

Karen Andrews MP
Member for McPherson

Patrick Secker MP
Member for Barker

Senator Sue Boyce
Senator for Queensland



Appendix A – Reports presented and value of works in the year ending 31 December 2011

43rd Parliament

Report number	Report Title and/or works addressed	Tabled	Cost (\$m) ¹
1/2011	Proposed fitout of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department at 4 National Circuit, Barton, Australian Capital Territory	22 February 2011	18.0
1/2011	Proposed fitout of new leased premises for Divisions of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research at Buildings 2 and 3, Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde, New South Wales	22 February 2011	25.7
2/2011	Facilities for the introduction into service of Land 121 vehicles at RAAF Base Amberley and Damascus Barracks, Meeandah, Queensland and at Gaza Ridge Barracks, Victoria	22 March 2011	50.3
2/2011	Proposed integrated fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office in Albury, New South Wales	22 March 2011	19.2
	Seventy-Fourth Annual Report	22 March 2011	n/a
3/2011	Proposed development and construction of housing for the Department of Defence at Muirhead, Darwin, NT	20 June 2011	410.0
3/2011	Proposed Robertson Barracks electrical reticulation system upgrade, Darwin, NT	20 June 2011	43.4
3/2011	Proposed redevelopment of the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.	20 June 2011	98.5

1 Costs do not necessarily include GST; see relevant report for full details. Figures are rounded to the nearest one hundred thousand dollars.

Report number	Report Title and/or works addressed	Tabled	Cost (\$m)
4/2011	Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Human Services Portfolio at Greenway, Australian Capital Territory	22 August 2011	38.5
4/2011	Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as 55 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, Queensland	22 August 2011	33.1
4/2011	Proposed contamination remediation works, former fire training area, RAAF Base Williams, Point Cook, Victoria	22 August 2011	27.3
4/2011	Proposed Specific Nutritional Capability Project for Defence Science and Technology Organisation at Scottsdale, Tasmania	22 August 2011	18.7
	Public works on Christmas Island	13 October 2011	n/a
Total			782.7



Appendix B – Works between \$2 million and \$15 million notified to the Committee in the year ending 31 December 2011

43rd Parliament

Project Title	Agency Name	Date notified to Committee
1st Aviation Regiment Facilities Upgrade, Robertson Barracks NT	Department of Defence	30 November 2010
LAND 200 Training Facilities Project, Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera QLD	Department of Defence	30 November 2010
Corrosion Control Facility Remediation, RAAF Base Tindal NT	Department of Defence	30 November 2010
Warehouse, Al Minhad Air Base	Department of Defence	30 November 2010
Air-conditioning retrofit in leased properties	Defence Housing Australia	1 December 2010
Caroline Chisholm Centre Level 5 Refurbishment, Tuggeranong ACT	Department of Human Services	3 December 2010
Adelaide Customs House fitout, Port Adelaide SA	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	10 December 2010
Fitout of new premises, 51 Allara Street Canberra City ACT	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	10 December 2010
Housing at Drumsite Village, Christmas Island	Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	20 December 2010
Fitout of premises, 530 Collins Street Melbourne VIC	Productivity Commission	10 January 2011
Construction of 318 houses in various locations around Australia	Defence Housing Australia	18 January 2011
Upgrades of 470 houses in various locations around Australia	Defence Housing Australia	18 January 2011

Project Title	Agency Name	Date notified to Committee
Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program (AACAP) works, Fitzroy Valley WA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	28 February 2011
Ore Processing Facility	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	18 March 2011
Minerals and Environment Precinct Infrastructure Upgrade	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	21 March 2011
Fitout of level 1, 150-180 Soward Way, Greenway ACT	Department of Human Services	21 March 2011
Fitout of Level 3, Lionel Bowen Building, Commonwealth Law Courts Sydney	Family Court of Australia	12 April 2011
Pontville Immigration Detention Centre, Tasmania	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	13 April 2011
Wickham Point Detention Centre Security and Fitout works	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	5 May 2011
Administration extension project	National Museum of Australia	5 May 2011
Catering facilities refurbishment project	National Museum of Australia	5 May 2011
Refurbishment of the DVA office at 300 La Trobe Street, Melbourne	Department of Veterans' Affairs	5 May 2011
Russell Offices Building R7 Level 7 refurbishment, ACT	Department of Defence	12 May 2011
Refit of Level 3, 2 Constitution Avenue, Canberra ACT	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	19 May 2011
Fitout of 18 Canberra Avenue, Forrest ACT	Department of Human Services	24 May 2011
Australian Operational Contingency 'CUTLER' vehicle and stores facility (various locations)	Department of Defence	26 May 2011
Refurbishment of 140 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA	Department of Veteran Affairs	8 June 2011
Health waste handling area and GenTech storage and washing extension project	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	29 June 2011
Proposed fit-out of new accommodation at 12 Mort Street, Canberra	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	3 August 2011
Interim works at existing Commonwealth operated post entry plant and animal quarantine stations	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	11 August 2011
Accelerator and ANSTO health precincts infrastructure upgrade	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	12 August 2011
Proposed refurbishment of the head office accommodation (Alan Woods Building) in Canberra	Airservices Australia	15 August 2011

Project Title	Agency Name	Date notified to Committee
Centralised fire training facility at Melbourne Airport	Airservices Australia	16 August 2011
Defence Site Maribyrnong infrastructure maintenance and stabilisation works	Department of Defence	7 September 2011
ANSTO Childcare Centre	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	15 September 2011
Shadow 200 Facilities – Afghanistan	Department of Defence	16 September 2011
Ammunition Storage Point Relocation – Afghanistan	Department of Defence	16 September 2011
Proposed tenancy fit out for the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority and the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator, Perth, WA	National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority	23 September 2011
Fit out of pre-commitment lease, Batemans Bay, NSW	Department of Human Services	26 September 2011
Proposed fit-out of new accommodation at 10 Mort Street, Canberra	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	17 October 2011
Proposed new office accommodation for Comcare in Canberra	Comcare	27 October 2011
Proposed National Capital Exhibition Renewal	National Capital Authority	28 October 2011
Proposed environmental health infrastructure projects in remote Western Australia	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	28 October 2011
Proposed fit-out works at Manning Clark Building, Greenway ACT	Department of Human Services	8 November 2011
Proposed interim health works at Larrakeyah Barracks, Northern Territory	Department of Defence	14 November 2011
Proposed interim health works at Robertson Barracks, Northern Territory	Department of Defence	14 November 2011
Proposed interim health works at Enoggera Barracks, Queensland	Department of Defence	14 November 2011
Proposed Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre Minor Works Package	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	18 November 2011

At its first meeting of 2011, the Committee considered several medium works notifications submitted in late 2010.



Appendix C – Committee meetings and hearings in the year ending 31 December 2011

43rd Parliament

Number	Date	Location	Type
10	24 January 2011	Teleconference	Private
11	31 January 2011	Brisbane, QLD	Public
12	10 February 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
13	15 February 2011	Albury, NSW	Public
14	3 March 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
15	21 March 2011	Canberra, ACT	Public
16	24 March 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
17	27 April 2011	Teleconference	Private
18	3 May 2011	Darwin, NT	Public
19	4 May 2011	Darwin, NT	Public
20	12 May 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
21	19 May 2011	Teleconference	Private
22	2 June 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
23	3 June 2011	Canberra, ACT	Public
24	7-10 June 2011	Christmas Island	Private
25	16 June 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
26	23 June 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private

Number	Date	Location	Type
27	24 June 2011	Canberra, ACT	Public
28	7 July 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
29	20 July 2011	Teleconference	Private
30	26 July 2011	Point Cook, VIC	Public
31	27-28 July 2011	Scottsdale, TAS	Public
32	8 August 2011	Brisbane, QLD	Public
33	18 August 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
34	25 August 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
35	26 August 2011	Teleconference	Private
36	15 September 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
37	22 September 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
38	4 October 2011	Sydney, NSW	Public
39	13 October 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
40	14 October 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
41	3 November 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
42	4 November 2011	Canberra, ACT	Public
43	24 November 2011	Canberra, ACT	Private
44	6 December 2011	Nowra, NSW	Public
45	7 December 2011	Brisbane, QLD	Public

The Committee held a short private meeting prior to some public hearings.

All public meetings included an inspection, public hearing and in-camera hearing.