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Report

relating to the installation of guard boxes  
at the rear of the provisional  
Parliament House



**AUSTRALIAN SENATE**  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

**FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**ORDER - I BRING UP THE FOLLOWING  
REPORTS FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
ON THE NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE.**

**REPORT RELATING TO THE PROPOSED  
CONSTRUCTION OF A COOLING TOWER  
ENCLOSURE AT THE REAR OF PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE.**

**REPORT RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION  
OF GUARD BOXES AT THE REAR OF  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE.**

**(THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL  
THEN MOVE A MOTION FOR THE PRINTING  
OF THE REPORTS)**

Membership of the Committee

(31st Parliament)

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Senator the Honourable C.L. Laucke,  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for  
the Capital Territory

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The Honourable P.J. Keating, M.P.

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Mr B.D. Simon, M.P.

Clerk to the Committee  
Mr D.M. Piper

- (1) Senator Evans was appointed to the Committee on 22 August, 1978 in place of Senator McIntosh.
- (2) Senator Maunsell was appointed to the Committee on 31 May, 1978 in place of Senator the Honourable T.C. Drake-Brockman, D.F.C.

## Parliament House - External

### Guard Boxes

The question of installing guard boxes in the vicinity of Parliament House has been raised on several occasions in the past. A proposal for the erection of four boxes was tabled in the House of Representatives on 19 May 1975 but no further action was taken.

As part of the continuing review of security arrangements for Parliament House the Presiding Officers have concluded that two guard boxes, of the type used elsewhere in Canberra, should be installed.

Section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 gives Parliament control over the erection of buildings or other work within the Parliamentary zone which is defined in the Act. Sub-section 5(1) of the Act provides as follows:

No building or other work is to be erected on land within the Parliamentary zone unless the Minister has caused a proposal for the erection of the building or work to be laid before each House of the Parliament and the proposal has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Under clause 3 of its resolution of appointment, the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House is authorised to consider and report on matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 as may be referred to it by the Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, or by resolution of either House of Parliament.

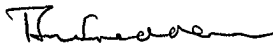
Because of the Committee's responsibility the Presiding Officers asked the Committee to consider the question of siting. It is proposed that the guard boxes be sited at the edge of the open space on the south side of Queen Victoria Terrace and be positioned so that a clear view is obtained of the parking area on Camp Hill and of the back of Parliament House and the side streets.

The Committee is satisfied that placement of the boxes in these locations will enable appropriate surveillance to be maintained without undue intrusion on the surrounds of the building.

The Committee supports the proposed erection of two guard boxes at the rear of Parliament House.



C.L. LAUCKE  
President of the Senate  
Joint Chairman



B.M. SNEDDEN  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Joint Chairman

20 September 1978