

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

Referral

1.1 On 26 March 2015, the Senate referred the following matter to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (committee) for inquiry and report by 13 May 2015:

The proposed Parliament House security upgrade works, including perimeter fencing, internal infrastructure changes and CCTV cameras, with particular reference to:

- (a) security and safety considerations;
- (b) project management;
- (c) value for money;
- (d) design integrity;
- (e) heritage impact;
- (f) moral rights;
- (g) impacts on building occupants and visitors; and
- (h) any related matters.¹

1.2 On 12 May 2015, the Senate granted an extension of time for reporting until 25 June 2015.²

Conduct of the inquiry

1.3 The inquiry was advertised on the committee's website. The committee invited submissions from interested individuals, organisations and the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) by 24 April 2015.

1.4 The committee received six public submissions. A list of individuals and organisations which made public submissions, together with other information authorised for publication by the committee, is at Appendix 1. The committee held a public hearing in Canberra on 14 May 2015. The proposed security upgrade works was also the subject of questioning during DPS' appearance at an estimates hearing on 25 May 2015. A list of witnesses who gave evidence at the public hearing on 14 May 2015 is available at Appendix 2.

Acknowledgement

1.5 The committee thanks all those who contributed to the inquiry by making submissions, providing additional information and appearing at the public hearing.

1 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 90 – 26 March 2015, p. 2463.

2 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 92 – 12 May 2015, p. 2555.

