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List of abbreviations

AFP	Australian Federal Police
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BCA	Building Code of Australia
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
Defence	Department of Defence
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DIMIA	Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EWIS	Emergency Warning and Intercommunication System
MATV	Master Antenna Television
MLMUPCC	Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning, Construction and Cadastral
OPO	Overseas Property Office
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

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21 PUBLIC WORKS – PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE –
REFERENCE OF WORK – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW
CHANCECRY BUILDING FOR THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH,
CAMBODIA

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and
Administration), pursuant to notice, moved – That, in accordance with the
provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be
referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for
consideration and report: Proposed construction of a new chancery building for
the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Question – put and passed.



List of recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide the Committee with a list of all parties involved with the project delivery and management of the proposed chancery construction, and a comprehensive breakdown of fees to be paid to these parties and their roles within the project.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the proposed construction of the new chancery for the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, proceed at the estimated cost of \$19.93 million.