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Secretary  
Department of Parliamentary Services

Submission No: 2013/09 Date: 5 March 2013

PRESIDENT  
SPEAKER

FOR: Action

Subject: 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Parliament House - request  
for one-off funding for DPS

Urgency/deadline: Routine

**Background**

The Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) is developing a range of initiatives this year to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of Parliament House.

Most activities are being funded from within existing resources. We are also sharing resources through collaboration with the other parliamentary departments, as well as with local cultural institutions on activities linked to the Centenary of Canberra.

The Secretary DPS met with staff of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to discuss the Prime Minister's involvement in the following twenty-fifth anniversary activities:

- a plaque for the public entry to Parliament House, recognising the contribution of the lead architect, Mr Romaldo (Aldo) Giurgola AO, his team and the many others who contributed to the commissioning, design and construction of Parliament House;
- an event in the Great Hall of Parliament House, following the unveiling of the plaque. The modest celebratory event would be attended by the Prime Minister, Members and Senators, and a wide spectrum of current and former workers representing those involved in the creation and operation of Parliament House. The PMO has confirmed the Prime Minister's availability for 24 June 2013; and
- a photographic history record of the twenty-fifth anniversary activities held this year that would form part of the Parliament House Art Collection.

The PMO has suggested that DPS seek additional funding from Government to meet the costs. We anticipate funding requirements in the order of \$100,000.

**Consultation**

A copy of this submission has been sent to the Clerks.

**Resource implications**

The proposed activities would need to be scaled back, should additional funding not be secured.

**Sensitivity / expected reaction**

Nil.

**Recommendations**

That you sign the attached letter to the Finance Minister to request one-off funding for DPS to meet the costs of permanent records of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Parliament House.

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Secretary

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Letter signed/Letter not signed

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Date: 13. 3. 13

ANNA BURKE  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Date: 13. 3. 13