

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

REPORT FROM ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

The committee has considered the following proposed expenditures:

The Parliament

Department of Administrative Services

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department of Aboriginal Affairs

Department of Social Security

Department of Health

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs

Department of the Capital Territory

Department of Home Affairs

Department of Defence

Department of Foreign Affairs

Attorney-General's Department

The following expressions of opinion have been agreed to in relation to the proposed expenditure for the Parliament -

- (1) That the committee is of the opinion that there is an unnecessary duplication of administrative and budgetary functions within the multiplicity of departments that form the total administration of the Parliament. The committee therefore considers that the estimates for the Parliament should be presented under 3 headings, viz.: Senate, House of Representatives, and the 3 other departments, without particular items of proposed expenditure being specified.
- (2) That, in order to relieve accommodation congestion, the committee is of the opinion that the Parliament should have the first call on any accommodation which has become or becomes available in the near vicinity of the present Parliament House.

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