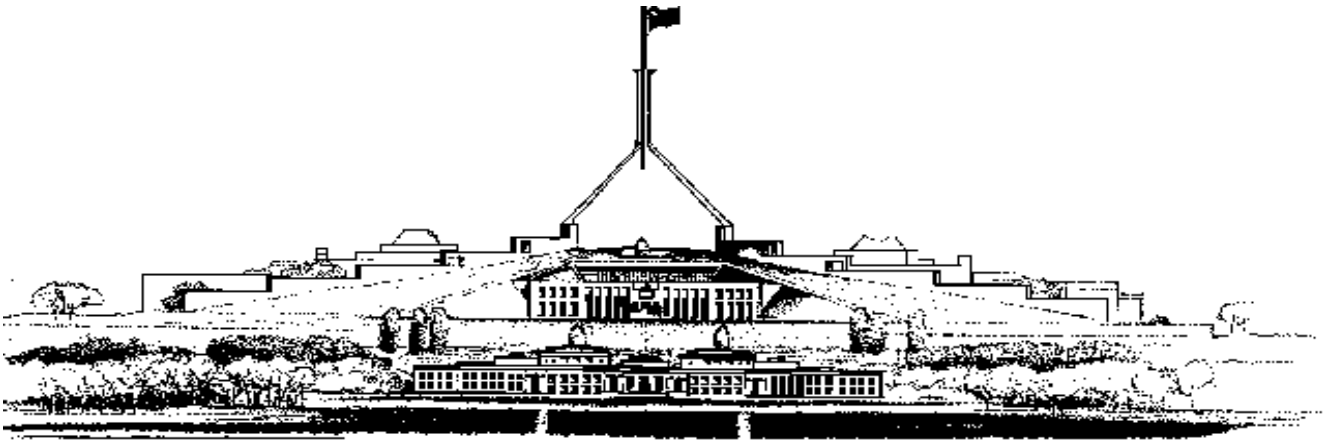




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BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This bill is a clear demonstration that the government recognises the prevalence of family violence and remains committed to ensuring that the family law system is safe, just, equitable and easy to access for Australian families. I commend the bill to the House.

Debate adjourned.

COMMITTEES

Public Works Joint Committee

Approval of Work

Dr LEIGH (Fenner—Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and Assistant Minister for Employment) (09:48): I move:

That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Department of Defence—Submarine Rotational Force-West, Priority Works, HMAS *Stirling*, Western Australia.

The Department of Defence is proposing to deliver maritime infrastructure, new and upgraded facilities and infrastructure at HMAS *Stirling*, Western Australia, which will require a regulatory framework to accommodate the operational, maintenance and sustainment functions required by Submarine Rotational Force-West. The cost of the project elements is \$738.1 million, excluding GST.

The project was referred to the Public Works Committee on 6 June 2024. Following its inquiry, the committee recommended that the House of Representatives resolve that it is expedient to carry out the proposed works. Subject to parliamentary approval, construction is expected to commence in early 2025 for completion in 2027. On behalf of the government, I would like to thank the committee, ably chaired by the member for Moreton, for undertaking a timely inquiry. I commend the motion to the House.

Question agreed to.

Approval of Work

Dr LEIGH (Fenner—Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and Assistant Minister for Employment) (09:50): I move:

That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Department of Finance—Proposed Fit-out of New Commonwealth Parliament Offices at One Festival Tower, Adelaide.

The Department of Finance is proposing works to fit out new Commonwealth parliament offices to be located at One Festival Tower, Adelaide. The total budget forecast for the project is \$37.45 million, GST exclusive, and the works will be funded from the special appropriation to the Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017. The project was referred to the Public Works Committee on 15 May 2024. Following its inquiry, the committee recommended that the House of Representatives resolve that it is expedient to carry out the proposed works. The committee also recommended that the Department of Finance consult with the Australian Federal Police immediately regarding the security aspects of the fit-out design for the proposed works and at a much earlier stage for any Commonwealth parliament office fit-out works in the future. The government thanks the committee for this advice.

The Department of Finance has since included the Australian Federal Police as a member of the Commonwealth Parliament Offices Steering Committee, which is responsible for overall project governance. The Australian Federal Police has also been invited to participate in the scheduled design workshops, allowing for consultation and input into the fit-out design for the Adelaide Commonwealth parliament offices. The Australian Federal Police will be included in any future Commonwealth parliament office fit-out works as recommended by the committee. Subject to parliamentary approval, the works are expected to commence in January 2025 and be completed in July 2025. On behalf of the government, I would like to thank the committee, ably chaired by the member for Moreton, for undertaking a timely inquiry. I commend the motion to the House.

Question agreed to.

Approval of Work

Dr LEIGH (Fenner—Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and Assistant Minister for Employment) (09:53): I move:

That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Reserve Bank of Australia—Head Office Storage and Logistics Change.

The Reserve Bank of Australia is proposing a fit-out project of an existing leased facility to provide temporary, secure, off-site storage and logistics functions while refurbishment of the bank's head office at 65 Martin Place Sydney is underway. The estimated cost of the project is \$35.3 million, GST exclusive, to be funded by the bank from within existing resources.

The project was referred to the Public Works Committee on 1 July 2024. Following its inquiry, the committee recommended that the House of Representatives resolve that it is expedient to carry out the proposed works. Subject to parliamentary approval, the fit-out is expected to commence in mid-2025, with practical completion in mid-2026. On behalf of the government, I would like to thank the committee, ably chaired by the member for Moreton, for undertaking a timely inquiry. I commend the motion to the House.

Question agreed to.

BILLS

Taxation (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) Imposition Bill 2024

Report from Federation Chamber

Bill returned from Federation Chamber without amendment; certified copy of bill presented.

Bill agreed to.

Third Reading

Dr LEIGH (Fenner—Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and Assistant Minister for Employment) (09:55): by leave—I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Treasury Laws Amendment (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) (Consequential) Bill 2024

Report from Federation Chamber

Bill returned from Federation Chamber without amendment; certified copy of bill presented.

Bill agreed to.

Third Reading

Dr LEIGH (Fenner—Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and Assistant Minister for Employment) (09:56): by leave—I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Taxation (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) Bill 2024

Report from Federation Chamber

Bill returned from Federation Chamber with a proposed amendment and an unresolved question; certified copy of the bill and schedule of the unresolved question presented.

Proposed amendment—

That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

"whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House notes that:

(1) the former Government consistently delivered lower taxes for small business and families, and implemented more than a dozen measures to combat multinational tax avoidance;

(2) the Government voted eight times against delivering a bigger tax cut to small business in last year's instant asset write-off;

(3) the Government's last multinational tax bill was so badly designed it taxed Australian companies;

(4) since the election, Australians are paying 20 per cent more income tax and the Government has banked over \$60 billion in bracket creep; and

(5) despite promising to only raise taxes on multinationals at the election, the Government has broken promises to raise taxes on superannuation, unrealised capital gains, franking credits, and personal income, and ending small business tax incentives".

Unresolved question—