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PARLIAMENT HOUSE — BUILDING WORKS

Statement by President

THE PRESIDENT (Hon Alanna Clohesy) [2.04 pm]: Members, I wish to acknowledge the building works undertaken during the summer recess. The Building Services team have completed the largest ever air conditioning replacement and refurbishment project at Parliament House. Twenty-five rooms, nearly all on the first floor 1964 section, had significant work done during the replacement of the obsolete air conditioning equipment, which was not environmentally friendly, nor easy to control. In addition to the air conditioning, other works undertaken include furniture replacement, installation of motorised blinds and replacement of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council chambers' bell speakers, and improvements such as electrical upgrades, repainting and standardisation of equipment, carpet laying and corridor ceiling replacement. As most offices have more than one person working in them, this was a lengthy and challenging project with very tight time frames. The successful completion prior to the recommencement of sittings was due to the teamwork of all involved. I would like to thank Building Services, Security and Reception Services and Information Technology, and all others involved for their outstanding work. Thank you to the contractors and architect who achieved the project in a truncated time frame during very hot weather and the festive season. The construction, furniture and design costs were \$1.4 million and funded from the budgets across the three parliamentary departments. We are the custodians of this magnificent building and do all we can to ensure its maintenance and conservation. Congratulations to all involved. I hope those in the refurbished offices enjoy the new facilities.