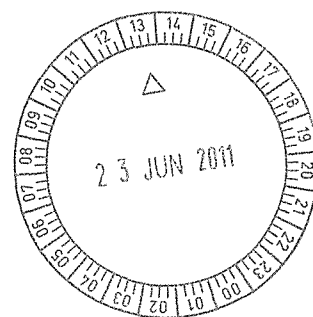


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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Parliamentary Services Department

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Hon. Ken Travers asked - Is there any asbestos in either Parliament House or the forecourt area ?

Answer: Parliament House and grounds were surveyed and tested by an Asbestos Consultant in August 2007 and a register of asbestos, and suspected asbestos, was subsequently produced. The register identified that a small amount of asbestos existed in various locations. With the exception of some pipe insulation under floorboards near the Legislative Assembly members' photo display which was noted as requiring removal, all other identified asbestos was noted as being satisfactorily sealed.

With regard to the fountain area, asbestos content may be present in the flange gaskets of the fountain drainage system but it is inaccessible.

We have been advised by the asbestos consultant that there is no need to remove these remaining amounts of asbestos as they are sealed, inaccessible and safe to leave in-situ until refurbishment work is undertaken.

In line with this we have since also removed vinyl floor tiles from outside the PABX room, Staff Dining Room and Cleaners Cupboards during refurbishments of those areas.

All Parliament House contractors are presented with the Asbestos Register before starting work.