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Contained within Report No. 2 of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2008-2009 (No. 3) was the following recommendation directed towards the Legislative Assembly:

RECOMMENDATION 10

3.8 The Committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly Secretariat, in addition to the replacement of the chiller, also give consideration to the implementation of less energy intensive building cooling options.

The recommendation is agreed.

The Secretariat has funding earmarked in the 2009-10 Budget to apply tinted film to certain large north facing window areas on the ground floor.

The Secretariat has an Environmental Sustainability Committee which has been progressively prioritising and implementing a number of energy saving and other initiatives. The implementation of less energy intensive building cooling options has, and will continue to be, considered in this forum.

The Public Accounts Committee report made specific reference to awnings and blinds. It should be noted that most office areas in the building are fitted with venetian blinds which do provide some capacity to mitigate against the impact of hot sun on thermal comfort. The Secretariat will conduct an awareness campaign to encourage occupants to make better use of blinds.

The Secretariat will also investigate, through its Environmental Sustainability Committee, the viability of installing awnings.

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