

Annex A - Some Key Dates in the History of the Holyrood Project

1995

30 November Publication of Report of Scottish Constitutional Convention: 'Scotland's Parliament, Scotland's Right'

1997

1 May UK General Election
 30 May Donald Dewar visits Old Royal High School
 24 July White Paper 'Scotland's Parliament' published indicating range of costs £10 - £40 million
 August to December Review and appraisal of three short-listed sites
 8 December Holyrood site added to shortlist

1998

9 January Announcement of selection of Holyrood Site and of competition to appoint designer
 3 March Announcement of Designer Competition Selection Panel
 27 March Announcement of 12 interviewees for Designer Selection Competition
 April Appointment of Davis, Langdon & Everest as Cost Consultants
 21 April Outline Notice of Proposed Development submitted to Edinburgh City Council
 7 May Announcement of 5 shortlisted candidates for designer selection competition
 6 July Announcement of appointment of EMBT in association with RMJM as Architects
 21 July Decision taken to adopt construction management
 22 July Outline Notice of Proposed Development Application approved by City of Edinburgh Council
 August to January 1999 Process for selection of construction manager
 16 September EMBT/RMJM Ltd present outline design proposals to Donald Dewar
 2 November Stage C outline design presented by the Design Team
 November Revised Building User Brief issued
 December Departure of Bill Armstrong as Project Manager

1999

4 January Final interview of shortlisted candidates for Construction Manager appointment
 7 January Appointment of Bovis as Construction Manager
 1 June Handover of responsibility for the Project from the Secretary of State to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body
 17 June First Parliamentary debate – MSPs vote to proceed with Project with a budget of £109 million
 July 1999 Demolition works completed and main construction work begins on site

Annex A – Chronology of Key Events

2000

25 February	John Spencely appointed to report on the Holyrood Project costs and programme
24 March	Publication of Mr Spencely's report
5 April	Second Parliamentary debate – MSPs vote to continue with Project subject to cap on costs at £195million and appointment of Progress Group
19 June	Approval of Stage D report by SPCB
28 June	First meeting of Holyrood Progress Group
3 July	Death of Enric Miralles
September	First Report of Auditor General for Scotland into the management of the Holyrood Project
11 October	Death of Donald Dewar
1 November	City of Edinburgh Council Planning Committee remit consideration of Queensberry House Reserved Matters to the Head of Planning
13 November	Appointment of Alan Ezzi as the Holyrood Project Director
December	Audit Committee, 6th Report

2001

January	MSP building topped out
21 June	Third Parliamentary debate – MSPs vote to lift £195 million cap
June	Sarah Davidson replaces Alan Ezzi as Project Director
November	Estimated final cost reported to Finance Committee at £241 million

2002

March	Estimated final cost reported to Finance Committee at £266.4m
October	Estimated final cost reported to Finance Committee at £294.6m

2003

January	Estimated final cost reported to Finance Committee at £323.9 million
May	Election of George Reid as Presiding Officer
June	Appointment of Lord Fraser to undertake independent Inquiry into the Holyrood Building Project
June	Estimated final cost reported to Finance Committee at £375.8 million
September	Estimated final cost reported to Finance Committee at £401 million

2004

February	Estimated final cost reported to Finance Committee at £431 million
June	Publication of Auditor General's Second Report on management of the Project
August	Occupation of building
7 September	Scottish Parliament meets for first time in Holyrood