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REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE WORKSTATIONS

- 1. CAC minute 18/11/13 of 20 June 1991 sets out what is described as a "particularly urgent" requirement and suggests that Project RISING SUN be given a high priority for procurement. Despite these exhortations, the project has not figured in either P or S Branch bids for the successive FYDP rounds, and no earlier documentation of the requirement appears to have been attempted. Unless other urgent projects are slipped, it will not be possible to find the required funds in the current financial year.
- I am prepared to endorse the requirement in general terms and to ask ADD to make funding provision in the MCE program in a financial year where costs of the order of \$670,000 could be accommodated within financial guidance. This is likely to be no earlier than FY 1993/94 unless other MCE projects are delayed for reasons beyond DSD's control.
- Given that following the move to Canberra some staffing shortfalls are likely to arise in PH, PT and SM, the number of terminals will in any event need to be re-assessed to ensure that the staff/work station ratio is realistic. Hence the estimated cost of the project should be revised before project approval can be sought.

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8 July 1991