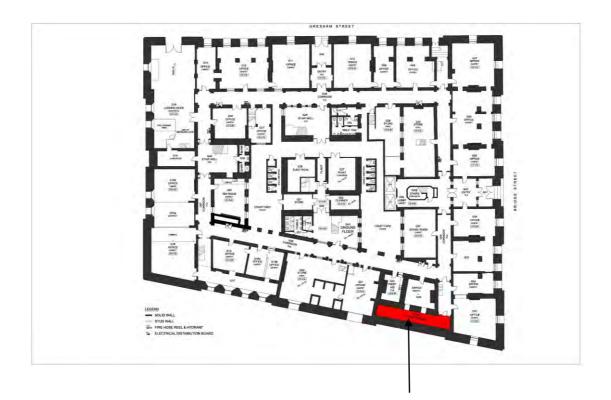
# **STOREROOM G31**

# **Ground Floor**



Location	Room No G31	Item No
Lands Building	Ground Floor	27

**Building fabric** 

#### Description

Quantity of building fabric including windows, doors, skirting and other items removed from Lands Department Building.

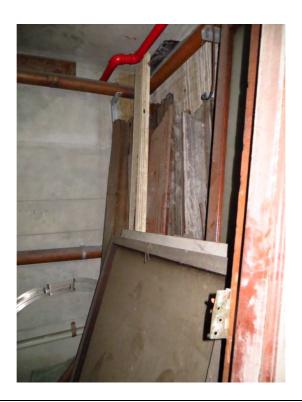
Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Removed building fabric	N/A

# Photograph









#### Significance

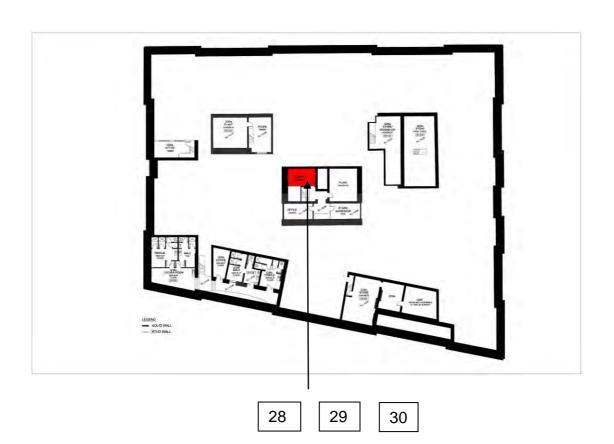
Exceptional – original building fabric

#### Recommendation

Retain on site as material for reference, templates for new fabric and/or for future restoration or repair.

# STOREROOM (above G38)

# **Ground Floor Mezzanine**



Location	Room No Above G38	Item No
Lands Building	Mezzanine, Ground Floor	28

Day bed

#### Description

Australian cedar day bed, frame and turned top rails with carved spindle timber supports, stuff over black vinyl upholstered seat, supported on turned legs.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
1880-90	Poor	178 x 64.5 x 65.5cm

#### **Photograph**



#### **Significance**

High – item of original furnishing, ensuite with other items of furniture – 13,14 and 15

#### Recommendation

The day bed should be restored and re-united with other matching items (Items 13, 14 and 15) and if possible re-allocated within the Lands Building.

Location	Room No Above G38	Item No
Lands Building	Mezzanine, Ground Floor	29

Travelling case

#### Description

Travelling land ballot case, with 5 timber ballot trays and circular numbered ballot balls. Each tray of balls is covered with a plywood sheet, secured with metal clasps to keep the balls in place. Paper label stuck onto top inscribed to 'Under Secretary Lands, Lands Department.'

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century	Good	80 x 29 x 49cm

#### **Photograph**









# Significance

 $\label{eq:high-evidence} \mbox{High-evidence of land ballot process as work activity of Lands Department, high interpretive value}$ 

#### Recommendation

Retain in Lands Building for interpretive purposes.

Location	Room No Above G51	Item No
Lands Building	Mezzanine, Ground Floor	30

**Press** 

#### Description

Stained oak frame from a printing press, painted guidelines to base plate.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Incomplete, poor, split on	83.5 x 32 x 65cm
	corner of base	

#### **Photograph**



#### Significance

Moderate – item associated with work processes of Lands Department, but incomplete.

#### Recommendation

The significance of this item is compromised by its incompleteness and lack of provenance. If this cannot be established through adequate consultation with a recognised authority on early printing equipment, the item is not recommended for retention.

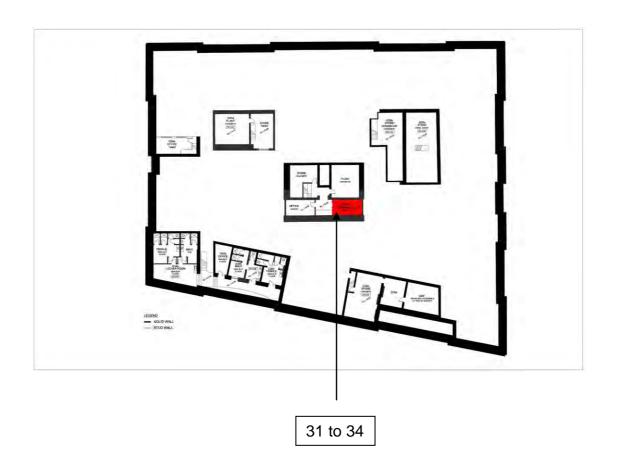
#### Other information



The Powerhouse Museum has a printing press (English, manufactured by Hughes and Kimble), with lithographic plates which were donated by the NSW Lands Department in 1952. The Lands Department is believed to have acquired that press about 1840 and it may have been one of two used in Governor Brisbane's observatory in Parramatta in 1828.

# STOREROOM (above G51)

# **Ground Floor Mezzanine**



Location	Room No Above G51	Item No
Lands Building	Mezzanine, Ground Floor	31

Wooden trays

#### Description

Quantity of rectangular wooden trays and numbered balls, unused

Date	Condition	<b>Dimensions</b> (W x D x H)
20 <sup>th</sup> century	Good	Not recorded

# Other information



Ballot box and trays in use, Minister for Lands Office SLNSW Govt Printer

# Photograph



# Significance

High – evidence of activity conducted by Lands Department, high interpretive value.

#### Recommendation

Retain examples in Lands Building for interpretive purposes, offer examples to Powerhouse Museum.

Location	Room No Above G51	Item No
Lands Building	Mezzanine, Ground Floor	32

Map holder

#### Description

Cedar map holder, with calico-backed maps on rollers, inscribed in centre front with details of contents, New South Wales.

Date		Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Early	20 <sup>th</sup> century	Fair, maps require repair	114 x 24 x 15cm

# Photograph



#### **Significance**

High— evidence of work activity in Lands Department, high interpretive value.

#### Recommendation

Retain in Lands Department, repair and use for interpretive purposes.

Location	Room No Above G51	Item No
Lands Building	Mezzanine, Ground Floor	33

Books

#### Description

Quantity of leather bound books including Statutes and Cases Determined by the Metropolitan Land Court

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Various	Fair to poor	N/A

#### **Photograph**





#### Significance

Moderate – these books appear to be volumes which exist in other collections in the public domain

#### Recommendation

If further assessment determines that these are duplicate material held in a public collection (eg State Library of NSW, Parliamentary Library), are stored as they are no longer required for reference, and have no value for interpretation, then they do not need to be retained.

Location	Room No Above G51	Item No
Lands Building	Mezzanine, Ground Floor	34

Cupboard

#### Description

Two door cupboard, possibly a press

Date	Condition	<b>Dimensions</b> (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Poor	N/A

# Photograph



# Significance

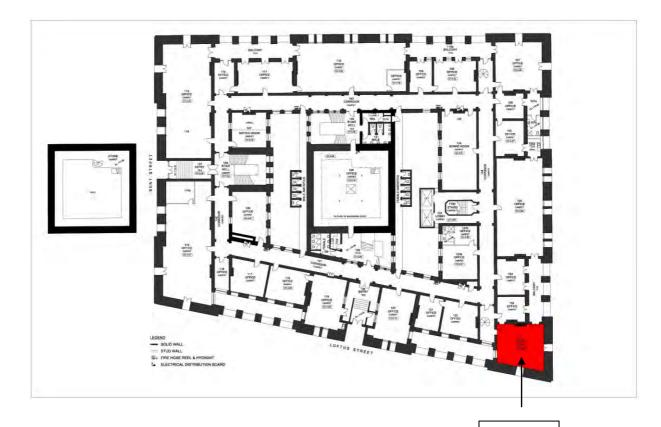
Moderate

#### Recommendation

This item may be considered for future disposal if no alternate use can be found in the Lands Building

# FORMER UNDER SECRETARY FOR LANDS OFFICE [101]

# **First Floor**



35 to 43

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	35

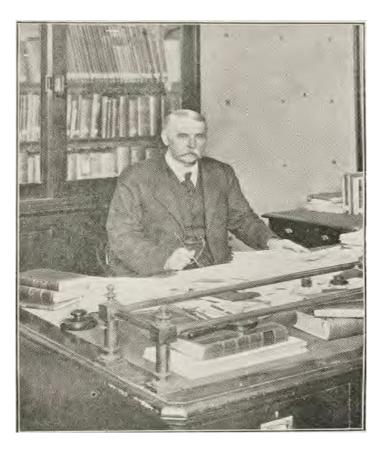
Desk

#### Description

Australian red cedar double pedestal partner's desk, each pedestal with 4 drawers to one side each with twin brass mounted recessed handles, single cupboard to the other, on shaped plinth base with rounded corners, brown composition leather insert to desk top, sides of desk have mouldings to panels.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Good	158 x 59.5 x 72cm

#### Other information



Desk of the Under Secretary for Lands, circa 1905

# **Photograph**



# Significance

Exceptional –original furnishing for Under Secretary of Lands office, important to office hierarchy furnishing.

#### Recommendation

Further research required to establish whether the top is original. The photograph circa 1905 appears to show the desk with a curved cut-out similar to the desk in Room 201. Retain in situ.

<b>Location</b> Lands Building	Room No 101 First Floor	Item No 36
Location Lands Department		Room No 101

Table

#### Description

Australian cedar board room table, solid top with moulded edge above apron, supported on 4 turned legs (glass top not original). The original finish of this table has been stripped off.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Good, but not original finish	213 x 113 x 74cm

#### **Photograph**



#### Significance

Moderate

#### Recommendation

Because this table no longer has its original finish, it would be preferable to replace it with one of the tables currently in storage which is in original condition. Unless a definite provenance can be established for this, it could be recommended for disposal. (Refer Items 8 or 25)

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	37

Chairs (5)

#### Description

Australian red cedar chairs, serpentine front seat rail, out-swept scroll carved arms, carved cedar back inset with buttoned squab, upholstered in brown leather, stuff over seat buttoned along seat rail, turned front legs on brass and porcelain casters, slightly out-swept back legs.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Good	58 x 51 x 99cm

#### **Photograph**



#### **Significance**

Exceptional – original to furnishing of Lands Department building, possibly from first floor boardroom [Room 104).

#### Recommendation

Retain in situ.

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	38

Chairs (2)

#### Description

Cedar arm chairs ,upholstered in black leather with studded detail along seat rail and arm rests, upholstered waisted back, upholstered arms terminating in down-swept reeded arm supports, stuff over seat tapering square front legs, slightly splay back legs,

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1920-30s	Excellent	Not recorded

#### **Photograph**



# Significance

Moderate

#### Recommendation

These chairs are not original to the original fit-out but consistent with a subsequent upgrade to an executive office. Can be retained in situ if required to provide sufficient seating around meeting table.

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	39

Desk

#### Description

Australian red cedar kneehole desk, 2 drawers with rectangular wood handles, solid timber top, supported on turned legs.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Good, minor damage to edges	137 x 59.5 x 72cm

# Photograph



# Significance

High – original furniture for Lands Department building, important to office hierarchy

#### Recommendation

Retain in situ.

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	40

Hat stand

#### Description

Australian red cedar coat and hat stand, rectangular form, broken pediment above, central mirror with shelf below supported on shaped brackets, side supports each with 4 brass and porcelain hat and coat hooks, projecting shelf supported on central carved upright and rectangular base with canted corners, lead lined drip tray.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Excellent	61 x 34 x 196cm

#### Photograph



#### **Significance**

High – original to furnishing of Lands Department building and consistent with other examples in the Building.

#### Recommendation

This item is more likely to have been located in the adjoining office, but is part of the suite appropriate to the office furnishing hierarchy for the position.

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	41

Bookcase

#### Description

Australian red cedar breakfront bookcase, top section with projecting front,4 glazed doors enclosing 3 adjustable shelves, above 4 door cupboard below, on plinth base.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	250 x 59 x 274cm

# Photograph



# Significance

High – original to furnishing of Lands Department building

#### Recommendation

Retain in situ.

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	42

Table

#### Description

Circular coffee table, solid timber top with foliate carved decoration to apron, supported on 4 cabriole legs.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
20 <sup>th</sup> century	Good	45cm height, 88cm diameter

# Photograph



# Significance

Moderate

#### Recommendation

Retain if required but not original to 1880s Lands Building furnishing.

Location	Room No 101	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	43

Chairs (3)

#### Description

Fully upholstered wing arm chairs, loose cushion seat, buttoned back, cabriole front legs.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Modern	Excellent	84 x 68 x 107cm

#### Photograph



# **Significance**

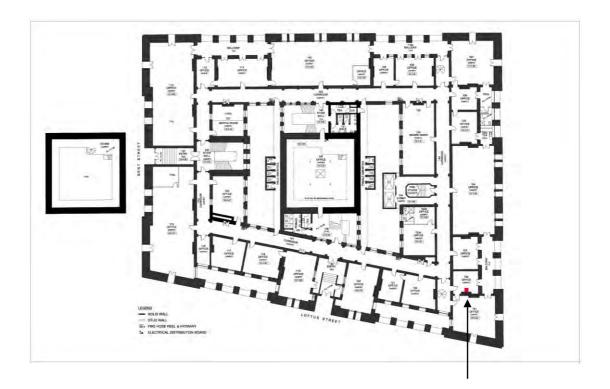
Neutral

#### Recommendation

The three leather upholstered chairs are modern reproductions and could be replaced with Items 13, 14 and 15 to retain their integrity and association with the Lands Building. Similarly, the modern 2-door glazed timber cupboard in this room was not recorded as having any significance but consideration could be given to replacing it with Item and not recorded).

# **OFFICE** [102]

# **First Floor**



44

Location	Room No 102	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	44

Clock

#### Description

Black marble clock, rectangular carcase, surmounted by triangular pediment flanked by carved scrolls, set with contrasting panels of contrasting green marble, incised foliate decoration, circular enamel and gilt clockface with Roman numerals and glass cover, stepped base with stepped surmounts above, of French manufacture.

Date		Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1	880	Good, damage to enamel face, chips to glass cover	42 x 17.5 x 48.5cm

#### **Photograph**



#### Significance

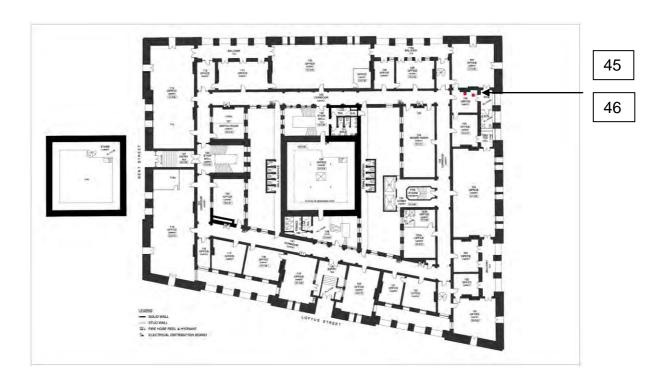
Exceptional.

#### Recommendation

This clock may have been relocated to Room 102 following the removal of the fireplace in Room 101.

# **OFFICE** [106]

# **First Floor**



Location	Room No 106	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	45

Plan

#### Description

Framed plan of the Redfern Estate showing land offered for sale by Richardson and Wrench, January 7 1884, printed by Gibbs Shallard & Co, Sydney.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
1884 (image), modern frame	Excellent	78.5 x 107cm

# Photograph



# Significance

High – original print.

#### Recommendation

Retain for interpretive use.

Location	Room No 106	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	46

Chair

#### Description

Cedar Trafalgar chair, scroll shaped arms, curved top rail, stuff over seat upholstered in brown leather, buttoned along seat rail, turned front legs. (Matching Trafalgar chairs in Room 107)

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Fair	47 x 52 x 89cm

# **Photograph**



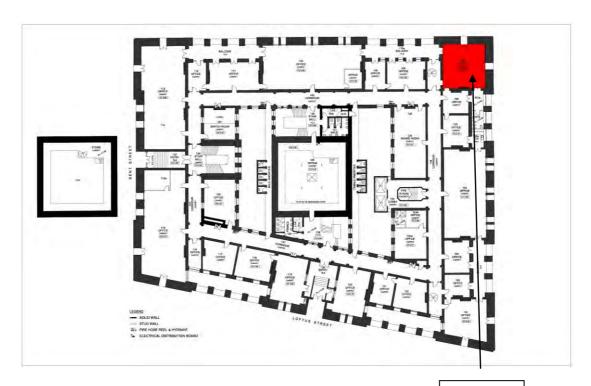
#### **Significance**

High – original furnishing for Lands Department building.

#### Recommendation

Reunite with Item 60 in Minister for Lands office (Room 107), repair and retain in situ.

# FORMER MINISTER FOR LANDS OFFICE [107] First Floor



47 to 68

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	47

Bookcase

#### Description

Fixed cedar bookcase, with carved decorative frieze below projecting pediment, 5 glazed doors to upper section above panelled doors with drop handles, plinth base. Tongue and grooved back to carcase, adjustable cedar shelving. Both sides of bookcase fitted with rectangular mirrors.

Bookcase contains bound leather volumes of NSW Parliamentary Debates and Statutes.

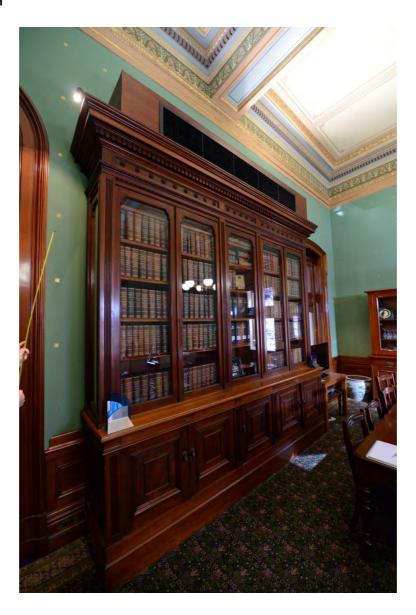
Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
1880	Excellent, modified to conceal	327 x 67 x 337cm
	air conditioning ducting	

#### Other information



Sheep ballot in Minister for Land's Office, Lands Department, Sydney. The bookcase can be seen in the background. SLNSW GP Series 2 - 04154

# Photograph



# Significance

Exceptional – constructed for fit out of Minister's for Lands office, integral to room.

### Recommendation

Retain in situ with bound leather volumes.

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	48

Table

#### Description

Low rectangular cedar table, brown leather insert to top, moulded edge with canted corners, supported on four turned legs on brass and porcelain casters. Paper trade label, "Manufactured by Alex W Norton Cabinetmaker, 52-54 Hunter Street"

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Good, some wear to leather	76 x 45 x 45cm
	top	

#### Other information



Small table is visible to the right of the desk

# Photograph



# Significance

Exceptional – original to Minister for Lands office, work of Alexander Norton, colonial cabinetmaker.

#### Recommendation

Retain in situ.

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	49

Chair

#### Description

Office chair, swivel seat with cane insert, lyre shaped central back splat, 4 out-swept legs on brass and porcelain casters. Impressed mark VR, crown, December 1878

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
1878	Excellent	49cm diameter, 83cm height

#### **Photograph**



#### Significance

Exceptional – consistent with item of furniture, possibly associated with earlier Survey building on the site.

#### Recommendation

This desk chair is consistent with others supplied to government offices circa 1880 and further research may confirm that it was used with one of the desks with the cut-out curve. Retain in situ

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	50

Desk

# Description

Double pedestal cedar partner's desk, each pedestal with 3 drawers to one side each with brass mounted recessed handles, single cupboard to the other on plinth base with canted corners, gilt tooled green leather insert to desk top which has shaped chair recess. Trade label "Manufactured by Alex W Norton cabinetmaker 52-54 Hunter Street". Modified with electrical cabling.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	218 x 151 x 75cm

#### Other information



Land ballot drawn for ex-servicemen, showing desk in Minister's Office in the Lands Department SLNSW GPO Series 2 - 0187

# Photograph



# Significance

Exceptional – item of original furnishing of Minister for Lands office, work of colonial cabinetmaker Alexander Norton.

## Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	51

Fender

## Description

Cast iron fireplace fender with brass gallery rail

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
1880	Excellent	138 x 36 x 15cm

# Photograph



# Significance

Exceptional – original to the furnishing of the Minister for Lands office.

## Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	52

Garniture

## Description

Black marble French Empire mantel clock the clock case enclosing a gilded enamel clockface with Roman numerals

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	Clock 58 x 17 x 53cm, vases
		54cm height

#### Other information



Land ballot held in the Minister for Lands office, SLNSW Government Printing Office 2-05004. Clock and vases are visible on mantelpiece to the right.

# Photograph



# Photograph





# Significance

Exceptional – original to the furnishing of the Minister for Lands office.

# Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	53

Hat and coat stand

#### Description

Cedar coat and hat stand, waisted form, shaped pediment above a hat peg, arched mirror surrounded by a decorative cut-out with 6 coat pegs, shelf supported on t 2 front turned uprights, with shaped cut out for umbrella handles, shaped base with lead lined drip tray.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	56 x 35 x 210.5cm

## Photograph



#### Significance

Exceptional – part of original furnishing of Minister for Lands office, important to hierarchy of room furnishing.

#### Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	54

Table

## Description

Cedar side table, solid timber top with green leather insert, with moulded edge above the apron, supported on four turned legs. Trade label "Manufactured by Alex W Norton Cabinetmaker, 52-54 Hunter Street".

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	183 x 45 x 75cm

#### **Photograph**



# Significance

Exceptional – item of original furnishing, work of colonial cabinetmaker, Alexander Norton.

#### Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	55

Chaise longue

## Description

Cedar chaise longue, serpentine shaped front rail and scroll carved backboard, upholstered in red leather, stuff over sear buttoned along seat rail, buttoned back and sloped side, supported on turned legs on brass and porcelain casters.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	195 x 63 x 92cm

## **Photograph**



#### **Significance**

Exceptional – item of original furniture for Minister for Lands office, high quality work of a colonial cabinetmaker (unidentified), part of the hierarchy of office furnishing.

#### Recommendation

Retain in situ, compatible with Item 11.

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	56

Bookcase

## Description

Cedar bookcase, moulded projecting pediment, two glazed doors, enclosing 2 shelves above 3 panelled doors on a plinth base, single full length drawer with metal handles in Art Nouveau style.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Excellent, handles incomplete	161 x 60 x 236cm

## **Photograph**



## Significance

Exceptional - original to in Lands Building, but a later acquisition.

## Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	57

Table

## Description

Cedar board room table, solid top, moulded edge above apron, single drawer at each end with turned wooden handle, supported on four turned wooden legs resting on timber blocks (to raise height).

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	274 x 88.5 x 75cm

# Photograph



#### **Significance**

High – original furnishing for Lands Department building.

## Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	58

Chairs (4)

## Description

Cedar chairs, H-shaped frame to back, shaped top rail between reeded stiles, upholstered in blue leather, stuff over seat with buttoning above seat rails, ring turned legs.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Excellent	46 x 46 x 91cm

# Photograph



#### Significance

High – original furnishing for Lands Department building.

#### Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	59

Chairs (5)

#### Description

Cedar chairs, two back rails enclosing spindles, carved top rail with a central rosette, between reeded stiles, upholstered in blue leather, stuff over seat with buttoning above seat rails, ring turned legs..

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Excellent	48 x 43 x 88cm

## **Photograph**



## Significance

High – original for furnishing of Lands Department building. Items 58 and 59 are likely to be an amalgam from larger suites of meeting room chairs.

#### Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	60

Chairs (2)

## Description

Cedar Trafalgar chairs, scroll shaped arms, curved top rail, stuff over seat upholstered in redbrown leather, buttoned along seat rail, turned front legs.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Circa 1880	Excellent	47 x 52 x 89cm

# Photograph



## Significance

High – original furnishing for Lands Department building.

#### Recommendation

Reunite chair with Item 46 and retain in situ.

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	61

Table

## Description

Cedar side table, solid timber top, with moulded edge above the apron with shelf and gallery below, supported on four turned legs on brass and porcelain castors.. Modern centre support addition below shelf.

Ī	Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
	Circa 1880	Excellent	152 x 38 x 74cm

## **Photograph**



## Significance

High – item of original furnishing for Lands Department building.

## Recommendation

Remove alteration and retain in situ. Black plinth adjacent not original to the room.

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	62

Cupboard (2)

# Description

Cedar cupboard, on a plinth base, single hinged door with turned wooden handle, enclosing 1 shelf,

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> /early 20 <sup>th</sup> century	Excellent	60 x 55 x 75cm

# **Photograph**





# Significance

Moderate – not considered original to the room.

#### Recommendation

May be relocated as not original to this room.

Location	Room No G20	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	63

File tray

## Description

Stained timber file tray, 2 partitions with shaped profile, baize to base.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
20 <sup>th</sup> century	Good	80 x 41.5cm

# Photograph



# Significance

Moderate

## Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	64

Lamps (2)

## Description

Pair of baluster shaped bronze vases on a marble plinth base, (modern reproduction) etched glass shades, configured for electricity.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Good	62cm height

# **Photograph**



# Significance

Moderate – not identified as original to the Minister for Lands office, modified for electricity.

#### Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	65

Jardiniere

## Description

Glazed earthenware planter bowl on stand, painted enamel decoration, Chinese.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Modern, circa 1980s	Good	Bowl 39 x 41diameter; base
		49 x 41 diameter

# Photograph



# Significance

Neutral

#### Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	66

Planter

## Description

Glazed earthenware planter, painted enamel decoration, Chinese.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Modern, circa 1980s	Good	46 ht, 54 diameter

# Photograph



# Significance

Neutral

## Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	67

Chesterfields (2)

## Description

Two 2 seater chesterfields, upholstered in salmon coloured leather, probably made by Moran Leather.

Date	Condition	<b>Dimensions</b> (W x D x H)
Circa 1980s	Excellent	184 x 88 x 79cm

# Photograph



# Significance

Neutral

## Recommendation

Location	Room No 107	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	68

Table

## Description

Rectangular tray table with folding sides secured with brass hinges, and cut out handles on of the folding sides, supported on four straight legs joined by an H-shaped stretcher. Not original to the office.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Modern, circa 1980s	Excellent	120 x 90 x 53

## **Photograph**





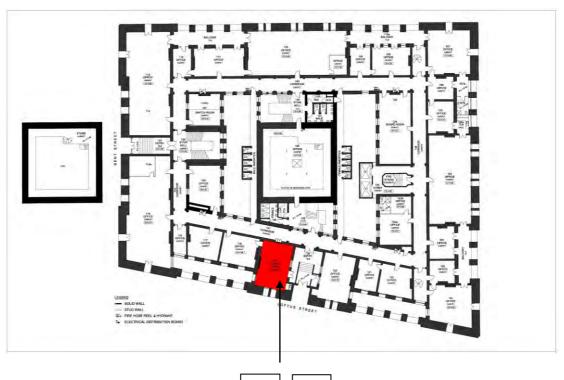
# Significance

Neutral

#### Recommendation

# **MEETING ROOM [119]**

# **First Floor**



69

70

Location	Room No 119	Item No
Lands Building	First Floor	69

Table (2 sections, 1 reproduction)

## Description

Cedar meeting table, extendable with separate solid timber leaves, canted corners, double moulded edge to top, deep apron, four turned legs. One section has been over polished. Winding lever is original.

Date	Condition	Dimensions (W x D x H)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Good	Each section171 x 128 x 80cm

# Photograph

