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NAME OF COLLECTION	BARTLETT, HAROLD
ACCESSION NO	A.1967.0018
CATEGORY	Business, individuals
ACTIVITY	Architect, Chairman of the Architects Panel, Housing Commission, Victoria.
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DATE RANGE	1939-1960
SIZE OF COLLECTION	6 metres
HISTORICAL NOTE	
DATE OF TRANSFER	October 1967
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Reports; correspondence; working papers; tenders; contracts; specifications; drawings; plans; photographs; conference papers; planning standards; prefabricated house type files; tenders; contracts and allied material; Architect's Panel of the Housing Commission of Victoria; Olympic Village file; publications.
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NAME:

Harold Bartlett, Personal Papers.

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MAIN ACTIVITY:

Architect, Chairman of the Architects Panel,

Housing Commission, Victoria.

TRANSFERRED BY:

Harold E. Bartlett, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.A.I.A.,

Dip. Arch. Design.

DATE OF TRANSFER:

October 1967.

NATURE OF RECORDS:

Documents originated and/or accumulated by Harold Bartlett in his capacity as member and Chairman of the Architects

Panel, Housing Commission, Victoria.

QUANTITY:

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INCLUSIVE DATES:

1 March 1938 - December 1966

GENERAL NOTE: The Housing Commission, Victoria (HCV) was constituted on 1 March 1938, the personnel being Messrs. J.N. O'Connor (Chairman), F.O. Barnett W.O. Burt, and Miss F.E. Penington. The Commission conducted a competition for the design and planning of low-cost housing. One of the objects of the competition was to select from among the entrants a panel of architects, to advise the Commission and to undertake designing and planning work. As the first Annual Report put it, "the panel system not only avoids the employment of a large architectural and drafting staff, but ensures to the Commission the variety of the advice and assistance of professional men in private practice".

On 1 June 1939 the following were appointed members of the Architects Panel: Frank Heath, A.C. Leith, Best Overend and J.F.D. Scarborough. During the next twelve months, Messrs. Buchan, Laird and Buchan, of Geelong, were appointed architects for the HCV's provincial housing schemes. During 1941-42, Leith went away on active service, and Harold E. Bartlett (HB) took his partner's place on the Panel - a place which he retained when Lt.-Col. Leith rejoined the Panel in 1943-44. T.J. Buchan also joined at this time.

During 1942, the HCV took over the concrete wall plant of the late T.W. Fowler, and towards the end of the war were gearing the Fowler System of construction for mass production. This was facilitated when the Commission took over the Commonwealth Munitions Annexe (Tank Factory) at Holmesglen in 1946. The HCV's Concrete House Project is the subject of a small amount of material in this collection. Other wartime facilities were turned to the postwar housing effort with the development of a prefabricated steel house by the Beaufort Division of the Department of Aircraft Production. Material on this development is also to be found in the collection.

Despite these developments, and the setting up of pre-cutting depots for local timber housing, shortages of materials and labour continued to confront the Commission - to the extent that it became necessary to inaugurate a project of importing prefabricated houses from overseas. Enquiries to this end were initiated in 1949, when Best Overend conferred with several firms in the U.K. and Europe. It is to this project that the bulk of the present collection relates.

Tenders were invited in January 1950 "following strong representations by the Commonwealth Government that the various states should enter into contracts for the purchase of imported houses to supplement the local building programme". At that time, HB was abroad with the Housing Mission sent by the Commonwealth.

The imported house project, at its peak in the years 1951-53, presented unusual problems of organization. The negotiation of contracts in this situation was in itself difficult. These negotiations were carried out by the Panel with a large number of contractors, of whom six signed contracts, but of whom only three (Thermo, Peeman and C.I.B.) actually delivered houses. Those contracts which were carried out presented the Panel with further unfamiliar problems of supervision, shipment and storage, and involved the appointment of consulting engineers in London with supervisors in a wide variety of European and U.K. factories. As the Panel recalled in 1954, "This work was undertaken by the Panel without extra fees and proved to be a very unprofitable phase of the work for the Panel. In only one case did the foreign contractor establish an efficient building organization in Australia to erect the houses on arrival, and the Panel, therefore,...undertook the re-organization of the work in Australia".

As Chairman of the Panel, HB devoted his whole time to HCV work (as did his deputy whenever HB was absent). By the mid-1950s, this work was of four main types: traditional construction in brick, brick veneer or timber; "Transfab." houses of timber which were prefabricated and transported in sections to their final location; concrete houses produced at the Holmesglen factory; and the erection of imported timber houses. In the early fifties, too, the Commission also undertook to build the Olympic Village for the 1956 Games, involving the provision of 700 dwellings on its Heidelberg Estate (one of a number of estates throughout Victoria being developed by the HCV).

The Architects Panel was discontinued during 1955-56 (there had been a Royal Commission at that time into Victorian housing and the administration of the HCV) and its work taken over by architects appointed to the Commission's staff. In 1954, the personnel of the Panel was much as it had been ten - indeed 15 - years before, viz. Overend (Deputy Chairman and Secretary), Leith, Heath and Scarborough (the four inaugural members), plus HB (Chairman), Buchan and E.C. Laird.

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List of abbreviations used throughout

CEBS Commonwealth Experimental Building Station.

HB Harold E. Bartlett.

HCV Housing Commission, Victoria.

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V.H.C. Victorian Housing Commission. (Appears in list only when

quoting titles.)

Brief biographical notes:

BARTLETT, Harold E.

Member, Architects Panel, HCV, 1942-43; Chairman, 1943-56. Member of partnership of A.C. Leith & Bartlett, Architects and Engineers, formed in 1936.

BAYNE, Oscar A.

Deputy Director, CEBS, Sydney, until October 1950, then head of research and development section, Architects Panel.

BUCHAN. T.J.

Member, Architects Panel, 1943-56. Member of Geelong architectural firm of Buchan, Laird and Buchan.

DAVEY, J.H.

Secretary, HCV, 1938-52; its Chairman 1952-56; its Director 1955-56.

HEATH, Frank.

Original member, Architects Panel, 1939-56.

ISAACS, David V.

Director, CEBS.

JENNINGS, A.V.

Major local building contractor to HCV.

LAIRD, Ewen C.

Member, Architects Panæl, 1948-56. Member of Buchan, Laird and Buchan, Architects, Geelong.

LEITH, A.C.

Original member, Architects Panel, 1939-56. Member of partnership of A.C. Leith & Bartlett.

OVEREND, Best.

Original member, and Deputy Chairman, Architects

Panel, 1939-56.

SCARBOROUGH, J.F.D.

Original member, Architects Panel, 1939-56.

TURNER, A.E.

Principal of firm which acted as consulting engineers in the $U_{\bullet}K_{\bullet}$ and Europe for HCV and various other Victorian Government agencies and departments.

The records are arranged in the following groups and sub-groups:

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GROUP 1. ARCHITECTS PANEL, GENERAL.

- 1/1 Composition, Function and Procedures.
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- 1/4 Housing and Building, General.
- 1/5 Conference Papers.

GROUP 2. ARCHITECTS PANEL, PREFABRICATED HOUSING.

- 2/1 Imported House Project, General Correspondence.
- 2/2 Prefabricated House Type Files.
- 2/3 Tenders, Contracts and Allied Material.
- 2/4 Other States, miscellaneous.

GROUP 3. ARCHITECTS PANEL, OLYMPIC VILLAGE.

GROUP 4. PUBLICATIONS.

- 4/1 Publications, Housing Commission, Victoria.
- 4/2 Publications, other.

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- q 1/2 Standards and Objectives.
 - 1/2/4 File labelled "Planning Standards for Neighbourhood Unit"; correspondence and standards for open space, roads, etc. Includes copy of "Community Planning Standards", a 49 pp. roneoed report prepared by the Architects Panel c. 1946.
 7 Aug. 1946 29 May 1951
 - 1/2/5 File labelled "House Plan Types" containing a series of plans submitted to the HCV by members of the Architects Panel. 1950-51

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BOX	1/2	Standards and Objectives.
9	1/2/6	H.E. Bartlett, Some Notes on Housing; TS copies of several brief reports from HB. 27 July 1953 - 11 March 1955
	1/2/7	Architects Panel, Density Planning Survey; correspondence, interim reports and graphs. Nov. 1954 - 7 Jan. 1955
	1/2/8	"The Rules and Practices Used by the Architects Panel in housing work for the Housing Commission, Victoria, 1956", 30 pp. roneoed.
	1/2/9	File containing memorandum (3 May 1956) and letter from HB to Victorian Minister for Housing, (14 May 1956), relating to housing costs in Australia and America.
	1/2/10	Frank Heath's office, booklet entitled "Slum Clearance"; commentary, area analyses, plans and photographs (no date), but post-28 March 1949, which date occurs on the plans).
٠	1/3	Building Materials and Other Design Factors.
44	1/3/1	O.A. Bayne and J.W. Drysdale, Factors Affecting Small House Design, roneoed draft, CEBS, Sydney. July 1945 36 pp. and appendices.
0,	1/3/2	File labelled "Simplified Brick Construction"; contains photographs, clippings, illustrated articles and correspondence relating to method devised by Proved and Producing Properties Ltd, London. 9 Aug. 1945 - 1 Oct. 1946
	1/3/3	File labelled "Stewarts & Lloyds Pty Ltd Steel Tubular Framework for Cement and Brick Veneer"; drawings, price lists, correspondence and construction details. 23 July 1946 - 21 July 1949
	1/3/4	David V. Isaacs, Precis of paper delivered to Housing Conference, Canberra, Feb. 1948 (q.v.); paper based on CEBS Report of overseas trip by the Director of CEBS, dealing mainly with building materials. (Several copies.)
	1/3/5	The Building Research and Development Advisory Committee, Department of Works, Second Report, Dec. 1952, 30 pp. roneoed, illustrated.

- 1/5/1 File containing Department of Works and Housing Directorate of Housing, Conference of Officers to Review Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement, Agenda and Appendix, Canberra, Feb. 1947
- 1/5/2 File containing "Notes of Conference of Commonwealth and State Housing Officers, Canberra, 10-12 Feb. 1948" (indexed and roneoed), plus several copies of HB's conference paper "Site Engineering" and correspondence relating thereto.

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GROUP 1. ARCHITECTS PANEL, GENERAL.

42	1/5	Conference Papers.
	1/5/3	Another copy of "Notes" above.
	1/5/4	File containing "Notes for Housing Conference of Commonwealth and State Housing Ministers, Canberra, 17 Dec. 1948", plus Agenda and Agendum Notes, including a list with interesting commentary, of all existing Australian, U.K. and other overseas prefabricated house types.
	1/5/5	File labelled "Commonwealth/State Housing Officers Conference at Canberra, 26th to 28th April 1949". Contains agenda notes and copies of some papers delivered.

Conference of Commonwealth and State Housing Officers - to consider ...the importation of prefabricated houses from overseas sources, Melbourne, 22 August 1950. Report of Proceedings and Appendix.

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77	2/1	Imported House Project, General Correspondence.	
	2/1/1	Bound correspondence file. 12 Oct. 1949 - 27 Dec. 1950	
	2/1/2	Bound correspondence file. 3 Jan. 1951 - 17 Nov. 1952	
	2/2	Prefabricated House Types Files.	
	2/2/1	Australian House Types.	
		Note: Some of the house types listed as U.K. for foreign types	
		were in fact fabricated overseas to <u>Australian</u> designs especially those published by the various state housing bodies specifically	
		for this purpose.	
	2/2/1/1	"Beaufort" Houses; steel; two types; developed by the Beaufort	
Name of the second		Division of the Department of Aircraft Production in association with CEBS and HCV. Items relating to the Beaufort House Types:	
40		1. Preliminary reports and recommendations. (1 folder.)	
		23 Aug 7 Dec. 1945	•
		2. Original proposals; plans, details, photographs, and description of house types. (1 folder.)	lons
	•	Oct. 1945 - March 1946 3. Directorate of Production and Design, reports and minutes of	
		meetings. (1 folder.)	
35		30 Nov. 1945 - 18 April 1947 4. Beaufort Housing Project Advisory Committee (which superseded	
. 0-0		the Directorate of Production and Design) reports and minutes	
	i	of meetings. 2 May 1947 - 30 Jan. 1948	
		5. Correspondence and information file. Includes inward and	
		outward correspondence of HB, plans, photographs and reports. (1 folder.)	
		24 Jan 21 Nov. 1946	
		6. Correspondence and information file. (1 folder.) 8 Jan. 1947 - 19 Oct. 1948	
40		7. Photographs and brochures. (1 envelope.) 1946-47	
35		8. Beaufort Home Type 1 V.G.R. technical specification, (1 folder 1947	r.)
		9. Beaufort Type 1 Home, technical specification. (1 folder.) No date.	
		10. Beaufort Type 2 Home, technical specification. (1 folder.) 1947	

and memoranda.
1 May - 3 Oct. 1947

11. Conditions of contract file, containing conditions of contract between HCV and Beaufort Division, and related correspondence

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- 2/2 Prefabricated House Types Files.
- 2/2/1 Australian House Types.
- 2/2/1/2 CEBS Prefabricated Steel House (also known as the CEBS Metal Prefabricated House, sometimes with "No.200 A" appended); steel; designed by CEBS for the N.S.W. State Housing Commission; reports, plans, correspondence.
 23 Aug. 1945 27 Feb. 1947
- 2/2/1/3 "Currajong" House; steel frame timber house; designed by Mr. W.G. Chancellor, c/- Johns & Waygood Ltd, South Melbourne; correspondence, description and plan.

 20 Sept. 1946 20 Oct. 1948
- 2/2/1/4 "Gelbar" House; concrete; designed by T. Fry, Sydney and produced by J. Gelbar (a Sydney importer) for the N.S.W. State Housing Commission; specifications and plans.

 1 Aug. 1951 21 Jan. 1952
- 2/2/1/5 "Hellier" House; timber; designed by Mr. E.J. Hellier, Canberra. Correspondence.
 11 Sept. 21 Oct. 1947
- 2/2/1/6 "Millar" House; concrete slab; designed and manufactured by Mr. E.J. Millar, Melbourne. Correspondence, plans, photographs and brochure.

 14 March 1944 12 July 1946
- 2/2/1/7 "Myer" House (also called Myers Post-war House, the Myer Permanent Prefabricated House and the Myer-Ansett Steel House); steel and concrete; designed by Mr. D.C. Ward, a prototype was produced for the Myer Emporium Ltd and the Ansett Aircraft Corporation works at Essendon. Subsequent work was done by the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation. Correspondence, plans and reports.

 30 June 1945 26 May 1946
- 2/2/1/8 "Rivett" House; steel, designed by Mr. J.W. Rivett of the Planning Division, Directorate of Housing, Commonwealth Department of Works and Planning, Melbourne. Correspondence, plans, specifications, reports.

 18 Sept. 9 Nov. 1945
- 2/2/1/9 "Romberg" House; steel, designed by Frederick Romberg, Melbourne.

 Correspondence.
 7 Nov. 1945 26 July 1947
- 2/2/1/10 "Rose" House; concrete; designed by Mr. E.W. Rose, Melbourne, patentee of the Rose System Six Ft. Grid Suspended Concrete Floors. Correspondence, photographs, plans, clippings.

 18 June 1945 31 Oct. 1946
- 2/2/1/11 "Vandyke Prefab."; fibro cement, several types produced by Vandyke Bros. Pty Ltd, Sydney. Illustrated brochure.
 No date.

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- 2/2 Prefabricated House Types Files.
- 2/2/2 United Kingdom House Types.
- 2/2/2/1 "Airoh" House; aluminium house manufactured by Airoh Trading Co. Ltd, England.
 Correspondence.
 20 Nov. 1946 30 May 1947
- 2/2/2/2 "Arcon" Mark V; steel house supplied by Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd, London.

 Correspondence, specifications and plans.

 8 May 1950 11 July 1951
- 2/2/2/3 Boulton and Paul Ltd; timber house manufactured by Boulton and Paul Ltd, Norwich.

 Correspondence and plans.
 26 Nov. 4 Dev. 1951
- 2/2/2/4 "Ctesiphon" System; corrugated concrete arch construction (not for houses); supplied by Barchild Constructions Ltd, London; negotiated by C.O.F. Paget, Patent Broker and Business Consultant, Sydney.

 Correspondence, plans and illustrated brochure.

 14 June 14 Aug. 1951
- 2/2/2/5 Fortus Constructions Ltd; brick and brick veneer houses manufactured by Fortus Constructions Ltd, Liverpool.

 Correspondence.
 7 Oct. 15 Nov. 1949
- 2/2/2/6 Hawksley Co.; aluminium house constructed by A.W. Hawksley Ltd, England.

 Correspondence and plans.

 1 Feb. 1949 1 June 1950
- 2/2/2/7 Holloway Brothers; brochure for Holloway Brothers (London) Ltd, building and Civil Engineering contractors.
- 2/2/2/8 "Isotherm"; fibro panels; Messrs. Thermo Insulated Units Ltd, London; descriptive booklet.

 No date.
- 2/2/2/9 "Leightons"; concrete houses manufactured by Leightons (Contractors) Ltd, London.

 Brochure (no date). C.S.I.R.O. report, 5 Dec. 1946
- 2/2/2/10 "Maycrete"; concrete house manufactured by Grayson and Hughes, London.

 Correspondence.
 19 Aug. 1946 7 Jan. 1948

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- 2/2/2 United Kingdom House Types.
- 39 2/2/2/11 Medway Buildings Ltd; timber houses designed for the Australian market by Medway Buildings Ltd, London.
 Plans, correspondence and brochure.
 No date.
- 2/2/2/12 "Orlit" House; concrete house manufactured by Orlit Ltd, London.

 Correspondence, brochure and plans. (2 folders.)

 7 Feb. 30 March 1951
 - 2/2/2/13 Prefabrication Development and Trading Ltd; timber houses designed by company, London.

 Correspondence.

 14 May 1947 15 March 1948
 - 2/2/2/14 "Redifice" House; manufactured by Flowerdale Pty Ltd, England. Correspondence.

 16 30 Oct. 1947
 - 2/2/2/15 "Riley" Houses; aluminium and timber houses designed by James Riley, Harrogate, and supplied by H. Newsum Sons & Co. Ltd, Lincoln.

 Correspondence, plans, specifications, photographs, and report by A.V. Jennings Construction Co. Pty Ltd. (2 folders.)

 16 June 1948 1 Aug. 1951
 - 2/2/2/16 "Rubery-Owen" Houses; semi-prefabricated houses designed by A.T. and Bertram Butler, Wolverhampton, and manufactured by Rubery, Owen & Co. Ltd, Darlaston.

 Correspondence, memoranda, plans and brochures.

 7 June 1946 22 Nov. 1948
 - 2/2/2/17 Simms Sons; timber houses supplied by W.J. Simms Sons & Cooke Ltd, Nottingham.

 Correspondence, specifications, plans and perspectives. (2 folders.)

 30 Aug. 1948 26 Feb. 1952
 - 1/9 2/2/2/18 "Terrapin" House; mobile aluminium house manufactured by
 Terrapin Dwellings Ltd, London.
 Correspondence and illustrated brochure.
 3 Feb. 11 May 1950
 - 2/2/2/19 "S.S.N.-631"; timber house based on Victorian Soldier Settlers Plan of that designation, designed in England (agents A.E. Turner & John Coates & Co. Ltd, London).

 Correspondence and specifications.
 19 July 1948
 - 2/2/2/20 "Trusteel" Houses; steel frame brick veneer houses manufactured by Trusteel Ltd, England.

 Correspondence, plans and reports.
 7 Sept. 1950 12 March 1951

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BOX	GROUP 2.	ARCHITECTS PANEL, PREFABRICATED HOUSING.
	2/2	Prefabricated House Types Files.
19	2/2/2	United Kingdom House Types.
	2/2/2/21	"Uni-Seco"; wood wool cement and asbestos houses designed by Uni-Seco Ltd, London. Correspondence and specifications. 5 - 17 April 1950
	2/2/2/22	"Weir" House; timber house manufactured by Weir Housing Corporation Ltd, Coatbridge, Scotland. Correspondence, plans and photographs. (2 folders.) 31 Jan. 1951 - 18 June 1952
	2/2/2/23	"Woolaway" Houses, cement houses manufactured by W. Woolaway Sons Ltd, Barnstaple, Devon. Correspondence and illustrated brochure. 20 July - 8 Sept. 1949
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5	2/2/3	Foreign House Types.
	2/2/3/1	"Acia" House; steel house designed in Belgium. Correspondence (1 item only). 1 Sept. 1948
	2/2/3/2	"A.S.A." House; timber house manufactured in Sweden by Amals Sagwerks. Correspondence, plans, CEBS report. 1 March 1948 - June 1949
O	2/2/3/3	"Bunbury" House; timber house manufactured in Austria to a design by Vivian Taylor, of Melbourne, and handled by Bunbury Pty Ltd, Fitzroy. (c.f. Tenders, Contracts, etc 5 Sagmeister & Co.) Correspondence. 10 Sept. 1948 - 16 March 1950
	2/2/3/4	"Casa Prefabbricata Smontabile"; Italian house; materials unknown. Correspondence. 5 April - 4 Aug. 1947
	2/2/3/5	"Cell" House; timber; Finland. Correspondence and illustrated brochure. 15 Dec. 1950 - 6 Sept. 1951
	2/2/3/6	"Cestix" House; timber, Czechoslovakia. Correspondence. 15 June - 2 Aug. 1948

	.2/2	Prefabricated House Types Files.
	2/2/3	Foreign House Types.
21	2/2/3/7	Conradi and Steida, Bremen, Germany; timber; specifications and plan. Oct. 1951
	2/2/3/8	Jean Cron & Co., Switzerland. (See 2/3/2.)
5	2/2/3/9	Czechoslovakian houses; timber; correspondence. (2 folders.) 19 Aug. 1947 - 22 Sept. 1949
	2/2/3/10	Donau. (See 2/3/3.)
5	2/2/3/11	"Dura"; Holland; plans. (1 envelope.) Sept Oct. 1950
21	2/2/3/12	French, miscellaneous; material pertains to several types of prefabricated building; commercial as well as domestic. Correspondence, plans, photographs, brochures. 17 March 1950 - 24 Jan. 1951
12	2/2/3/13	"Hallidays"; timber houses manufactured by Halliday Simplex System Homes, Ontario, Canada. Correspondence and illustrated brochure. 23-25 July 1947
	2/2/3/14	"I.B.E.C."; concrete; Ibec Housing Corporation, New York. Correspondence, plans, photographs. 22 Aug. 1949 - 6 July 1951
	2/2/3/15	Henry Johansen Ltd; timber; Oslo, Norway. Correspondence, plans, specifications. 28 Feb 21 March 1951
	2/2/3/16	Karl Kübler - A.G.; concrete; Stuttgart, Germany. Two albums containing photographs, plans and summary (in German). 1951
21	2/2/3/17	Liefergemeinschaft zimmerhardwerk; timber, Frankfurt-am-Main, West Germany. Correspondence, plans, specifications, tender and contract documents pertaining to HCV contract No. 1578. 8 Jan. 1951 - 3 Jan. 1952
12	2/2/3/18	"M.A.N." House; steel house, Nuremberg, Germany. Foldout brochure, illustrated.

No date.

- 2/2 Prefabricated House Types Files.
- 2/2/3 Foreign House Types.
- 2/2/3/19 "Mo-konga"; timber; Mo-konga Ltd, Stockholm, Sweden.

 Correspondence, CEBS Report, illustrated brochure, and plans.

 18 Oct. 13 Dec. 1949

 - 2/2/3/22 Peeman. (See 2/3/4.)
 - 2/2/3/23 "Puutalo"; timber; Puutalo Oy, Helsinki, Finland. Also
 information on timber "Finnhouses" and timber "Stex" from
 Sweden.
 Correspondence, plans, illustrations.
 27 Sept. 1946 26 Nov. 1951
- 2/2/3/24 "S.A.F.F.A."; timber; S.p.A. Fabbrichi Fiammipri ed Affini, Milan, Italy.

 Correspondence, illustrated brochures, plans, report (2 copies).

 9 July 1951 24 Oct. 1952
 - 2/2/3/25 "SEPA"; timber; Sociedade de Expansao Comercial Ltda, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Correspondence, specifications, plans. 17 May - 19 Oct. 1951
 - 2/2/3/26 "Studa1"; aluminium; Omnium Préfabrications d'Entreprises & de Constructions (Opec), Houilles, France.

 Correspondence, plans and descriptions.

 19 Dec. 1950 5 June 1951
 - 2/2/3/27 Swedish, miscellaneous. Correspondence. 6 Jan. - 27 Aug. 1948
 - 2/2/3/28 "Tournalayer"; concrete; R.G. Tourneau, Texas, U.S.A. Correspondence, illustrated brochure.
 7 May 1947 12 Aug. 1949

- 2/2 <u>Prefabricated House Types Files</u>.
- 32 2/2/3 Foreign House Types.
 - 2/2/3/29 "Veser"; timber; Holzwerk Hermann Vesen G.m.b.H., West Germany.

 Correspondence and specifications.

 17 July 30 Aug. 1951
 - 2/2/3/30 "Viking"; timber; Messrs. Lundquist & Huddens, Stockholm, Sweden.

 Correspondence, plans, CEBS report.

 5 Aug. 22 Oct. 1948
 - 2/2/3/31 "V.W.H." or "Austria"; timber; Austria (local agent Louis Dreyfus & Co. Ltd, Melbourne).

 Correspondence.

 19 Jan. 12 April 1949
 - 2/2/3/32 Wender and Durholt; timber; Germany. Correspondence, tender material. 6 April 1950 - 29 Aug. 1952
 - 3 2/2/4 Composite Files.
 - 2/2/4/1 Large hardback file labelled (on spine) "Prefabrication and Other Housing Systems". Divided into five sections:
 - General Prefabrication Matters reports of Ministerial meetings, Details of Standards, General Reports from Authorities, etc., correspondence, brochures, etc. March 1945 - 25 Oct. 1950
 - "Australian Prefabricated Housing"; miscellaneous correspondence.
 4 Dec. 1946 6 Oct. 1950
 - "American and Canadian Prefabricated House Systems", correspondence and reports.
 Dec. 1948 - 5 Aug. 1949
 - 4. "English Prefabricated Houses and General English Enquiries". (Section empty.)
 - 5. "European Prefabricated House Systems"; correspondence and plans.27 Oct. 1949 17 Jan. 1950
 - 2/2/4/2 File labelled "Imported Houses. E.C. Laird, Reports, etc."
 Comprises Ewen C. Laird's Reports to Architects Panel on
 Overseas Housing Programme; TS copy of Laird's diary during
 a trip on Panel business to England and Europe, Feb. July
 1952, 75 pp. and appendices; correspondence to and from HB
 during Laird's trip.

2/3 Tenders, Contracts and Allied Materials.

Note: The bulk of documents in this sub-group relate to tenders let and contracts made by the HCV for the supply and erection of imported prefabricated housing in various parts of Victoria.

2/3/1 C.I.B. - S.I.C.M.A., Contract No. 1630.

Large body of files pertaining to the contract of Compagnie Industrielle des Bois Société Anonyme, Paris (C.I.B.) and, later, also Société Industrielle de Construction de Maisons Préfabriques S.L., Paris (S.I.C.M.A.) with HCV for the supply and erection of 2,000 houses. Original agreement was finalised on 7 June 1951. The contracts also involved Eurobild Pty Ltd of Sydney, C.I.B.'s Australian partner.

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Pre-contract and Contract Files.

- File labelled "C.I.B. Peschardt, General (Pre-contract)
 No. 1629". Correspondence relating to the erection by
 C.I.B. of a prototype at Heidelberg.
 23 Feb. 1951 21 Aug. 1953
- 2. File labelled "Contract No. 1630, C.I.B. Misc. pre-contract". Specifications, draft agreements, and memoranda relating to contract No. 1630.
- 3. Copy of Contract No. 1630, 7 June 1951.
- 4. "Option for 1,000 House Components", S.I.C.M.A. 16-19 July 1953

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Correspondence Files.

Buchan, Laird and Buchan, Geelong (Panel architects).
 3 numbered files relating to the Norlane Estate.
 11 July 1951 - 3 May 1956

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Eurobild Pty Ltd, Sydney. 7 numbered files.
 Dec. 1950 - 23 March 1956

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J.F.D. Scarborough, Melbourne (Panel architect).
 numbered files.

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4. A.E. Turner & John Coates & Co. Ltd, London (HCV's U.K. agents).
7 numbered files.
29 March 1951 - 19 Sept. 1955

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5. Housing Commission, Victoria. 7 numbered files. 15 Dec. 1950 - 21 Feb. 1957

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J.J. Clift, J.J. Marr & Sons (sub-contractors). (2 files.)
 Dec. 1952 - 1 March 1955 (Clift)
 Oct. 1952 - 13 Feb. 1957 (Marr & Sons)

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7. Miscellaneous.2 numbered files.19 March 1951 - 28 Oct. 1954

19 June 1951 - 26 Feb. 1957

Chanda 18 Feb. 1953

Perim, Port Auckland

Ramsay 3 July 1953

Runic 3 July 1953

3 July 1953

Muncaster Castle 6 April 1953

Australia Star, Port Pirie,

Port Phillip 26 May 1953

Port Nelson 3 July 1953

Nordvahl 27 Aug. 1953

2/3 Tenders, Contracts and Allied Material.

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Shipping Files.

Contains invoices and correspondence referring to particular ships, carrying prefabricated materials, encompassing the period from 20 May 1952 to 28 Feb. 1955. The first seventeen files bear numbers, and are arranged accordingly; the remainder are arranged according to the date of the earliest piece of correspondence found in each file.

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- "1" Carronpark. 1. "2" Strathaird, Strathmore, Strathnave, Wellington Star. "4, 11a, 17" <u>Indus</u>. 4. "5, 14, 20" Blitar. "6a, 12, 18" Almkerk. 5. "6b" Laagkerk. "7a" Mekong. 7. "7b" Maple Hill. "7c, 19" Amerskerk. 9. 10. "8" Suevic. 11. "9" Aagtekerk.
- Herefordshire, Condesa 30. 1 Sept. 1953 12. "10a" Pacific Liberty. Imperial Star 2 Oct. 1953 31. 13. "106" <u>Lekhaven</u>. 32. Barranduna 9 Oct. 1953 14. "11b" Akkrumdijk.
 15. "13" Muiderkerk. 33. Chindwara, Port Victor, Wairangi 9 Oct. 1953 16. "15" Rijukerk. 34. Port Townsville, South Africa 17. "16,16" Gaasterkerk, Pei-ho. Star, Waipawa 14 Oct. 1953
- 18. Summary of shipments "1-24".
 19. Empire Star 6 Nov. 1952
- Orcades 6 Nov. 1952
 Melbourne Star 16 Feb. 1953
 - 38. Summary of shipments "1" 37.

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Costs, certificates and variation orders.

1. File labelled "Costs"
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2. File labelled "Contract and 7. Ce

2. File labelled "Contract and letters of Credit". June 1951 - July 1952

3. File labelled "Certificates and Variation Orders".
Sept. 1953 - May 1956

4. Certificates, Norlane.No. 1, 1-54.7 Sept. 1952 - 13 Aug. 1954

5. Certificates, Norlane. No. 2, 55-89. 16 Sept. 1954 - 26 Jan. 1956 Certificates, Wangaratta.
 Nov. 1952 - 15 Nov. 1955

Mongabarra 26 Oct. 1953 Nottingham 24 Nov. 1953

Port Auckland, Tasmania

Star, Port Vindex 8 June 1954

7. Certificates, Maidstone. No. 1, 1-54 28 Jan. 1953 - 28 Oct. 1954

8. Certificates, Maidstone. No. 2, 55-105. 10 Nov. 1954 - 18 July 1955

9. Certificates, Shepparton. 1 April 1953 - 15 Nov. 1955

Certificates, Hamilton.
 July 1953 - 15 Nov. 1955

BOX	GROUP 2.	ARCHITECTS PANEL, PREFABRICATED HOUSING.
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	2/3	Tenders, Contracts and Allied Material.
	2/3/1	C.I.BS.I.C.M.A., Contract No. 1630.
36	2/3/1/5	Claims Files. Contain correspondence, financial statements and other documents relating to matters such as packing, timber qualities, loading and unloading and the justification of various other claims for extra payment.
,		1. File labelled "Timber Qualities 4. File labelled "Packing, A. Claim No. 1, B. Claim No. 9, C. Claim No. 10". 2 Aug. 1951 - 15 Nov. 1952 5 Jan. 1951 - 8 July 1953 5. Claims File. 2. File labelled "Documents re 6 June 1952 - c. Oct. 1953
		claims for extras". 28 Feb. 1951 - 21 Oct. 1954 3. File labelled "Loading & "C.I.BS.I.C.M.A., Unloading Charges Claim". 22 March 1951 - 30 July 1956 6. "S.I.C.M.A. Report". 3 July - 10 Oct. 1953 7. "C.I.BS.I.C.M.A., Overseas Report by H.E.B." 7 Aug 6 Nov. 1953
	2/3/1/6	Drawings. One large folio labelled "Contract DrawingsCertified Copy No. 2, Panel Office Copy". Contains plans, some 21" x 15", some 33" x 24", most 36" x 24". Some dated 1950, but mostly undated.
	2/3/2	Jean Cron & Co. Files. Note: This Swiss firm had two prototype prefabricated houses erected at East Preston and Northcote, but failed to meet the expense of building.
37	2/3/2/1	Three large envelopes containing illustrated brochure (no date), and several lots of house plans and perspectives, 1950-51.
Č	2/3/2/2	Folder containing correspondence and legal documents relating to the erection of two prototype houses and the subsequent attempts to recover the expenses from Jean Cron & Co. 10 Jan. 1950 - 17 July 1953
16	2/3/3	Donau-Industrie-Werke, G.m.b.H., Deggendoft, Germany; Contract No. 1488. Packet labelled "Donau Contract 1488". Contains correspondence, specifications, CEBS report, plans and draft contract (it appears that the contract was not finalized). 2 May - 3 Aug. 1951

- 2/3 Tenders, Contracts and Allied Material.
- 2/3/4 John Peeman Pty Ltd Files: Contract No. 1577. Messrs. John Peeman of Hillegersberg, Holland.
- 2/3/4/1 File labelled "Peeman Buchan, Laird and Buchan; 1".

 Contains correspondence, mostly a two-way exchange between

 HB and Buchan, Laird and Buchan, Geelong; architects who
 acted on behalf of the Architects Panel in supervising the
 Peeman contract to erect houses at Norlane and Warrnambool.

 4 June 1951 22 Dec. 1952
- 2/3/4/2 Ditto, "2". Similar correspondence. 12 Jan. 1953 - 31 March 1954
- 2/3/4/3 Ditto, "3". Similar correspondence. 31 March 16 Dec. 1954
- 2/3/4/4 File labelled "Peeman Turner 1".

 Correspondence between HB and A.E. Turner & John Coates & Co. Ltd, English consultants to the HCV.

 16 March 19 Dec. 1951
- 2/3/4/5 Ditto, "2". Further correspondence between HB and A.E. Turner regarding the Peeman contract No. 1577.
 9 Jan. 1952 28 July 1953
- 43 2/3/4/6 File labelled "Peeman V.H.C. 1".

 Most of the correspondence is between HB and the Secretary of the Housing Commission.

 13 Nov. 1950 10 Dec. 1952
 - 2/3/4/7 Ditto, "2". Correspondence. 5 Jan. 1953 27 June 1955
 - 2/3/4/8 File labelled "Peeman C.E.B.S. Misc. 1".
 Miscellaneous correspondence, some of which also refers to contracts Nos. 1472 (Thermo) and 1630 (C.I.B.) (q.q.v.)
 14 Dec. 1950 7 Sept. 1953
 - 2/3/4/9 File labelled "Peeman W.J. Gray, Rossback (sic), Peeman 1".
 Contains correspondence mainly between HB and G.P. Roszbach
 (Geelong manager of John Peeman Pty Ltd) and Joh. Peeman.
 13 Nov. 1950 7 June 1954
 - 2/3/4/10 File labelled "Peemans Certificates, Warrnambool 1".

 Includes summaries of claims for siteworks progress payments; architect's certificates for erection and site work; and variation orders.

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43	2/3/4/11	File labelled "Peeman - Certificates, Norlane 1". Contents as above, but relating to Norlane site. 24 Oct. 1951 - 23 Sept. 1954
W.	2/3/4/12	File labelled "Peeman - Contract L. of C., Variations, Costs 1". Contents as per label (L. of C. = letters of credit), plus correspondence. 10 July 1950 - 16 Feb. 1956
	2/3/4/13	Packet labelled "Peeman Spec.". Contains copy of contract No. 1577, including specifications. 2 July 1951
	2/3/4/14	Packet labelled "John Peeman drwgs". Contains set of house plans. (Architect's name and date not supplied.)
18	2/3/5	Sagmeister & Co. (Ing. A. Sagmeister & Co., Hollenstein, Austria). Contracts Nos. 1456 and 1507.
	2/3/5/1	Specifications and schedules, and detailed drawings for tendering Contract No. 1456. (Plus three duplicate copies of the specifications and schedules.)
	2/3/5/2	Copy of Contract No. 1456, roneoed. 28 June 1950
	2/3/5/3	Copy of Contract No. 1507, roneoed. No date.
	2/3/5/4	Correspondence file which includes CEBS report on prototype at Moorabbin. 10 July 1950 - 6 Feb. 1951
26	2/3/6	Thermo Insulated Units Ltd, London; Contract No. 1472. This contract was for the provision of housing at East Reservoir, Mildura, Merbein and Redcliffs.
	2/3/6/1	File containing roneoed copies of specifications and of contract No. 1472. 6 Oct. 1950

Duplicate of specifications.

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2/3/6/13 Ditto, "Certificates, East Reservoir". 2 Dec. 1952 - 15 Feb. 1954

9 Jan. 1953 - 10 Feb. 1954

2/3/6/14 Ditto, "Miscellaneous".

Correspondence, memoranda.
13 Nov. 1952 - 19 Feb. 1954

2/3/6/15 Ditto, "Certificates, Mildura". 11 March 1953 - 12 April 1954

2/3/6/16 Ditto, "Certificates, Merbein". 30 March 1953 - 12 April 1954

GROUP 2. ARCHITECTS PANEL, PREFABRICATED HOUSING.

2/3 Tenders, Contracts and Allied Material.

2/3/6 Thermo Insulated Units Ltd.

2/3/6/17 File labelled "Reinstatement Works & Costs - Certificates, Redcliffs".

30 March 1953 - 12 April 1954

2/3/6/18 Ditto, "Leith & Bartlett 1".

Inter-office memoranda concerning East Reservoir job.
6 Jan. - 27 Nov. 1953

2/3/7 C.A. Wallenborg & Son (London) Ltd.
One folder of specifications and addenda.
No date.

2/3/8 Composite Files.

2/3/8/1 Financial Files, relating to contracts Nos. 1630, 1577, 1472.

- "Overseas Contracts, Financial Overseas Certificates, Retentions & Payments".
 16 Nov. 1951 - 30 June 1954
- "Siteworks Certificates, Retentions & Payments".
 24 Oct. 1951 23 May 1956
- 3. "Overseas Components, Costs and Approved Additions & Deductions".7 May 1952 19 Jan. 1954
- 4. "Overseas Retentions, Certificates". 1 Sept. 1953 - 18 Aug. 1955

2/3/8/2 File labelled "A.V. Jennings Blanket Agreement, 1956/57 Programme, General". Contains a draft 3-year agreement between Jennings and HCV (5 July 1949), copies of further agreements between Jennings and HCV (21 July 1953, 1955 (no other details), correspondence relating to the execution of many contracts for the HCV.

11 Nov. 1947 - 24 April 1958

2/3/8/3 A.E. Turner Files.

Correspondence between HB and A.E. Turner & John Coates & Co. Ltd, London, re imported houses. (2 files.)

2 Aug. 1950 - 26 Nov. 1953

8 Jan. - 24 Dec. 1954

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20	2/3	Tenders, Contracts and Allied Material.
	2/3/9	Miscellaneous Specifications Documents.
	2/3/9/1	HCV Specifications and Schedules for imported houses; roneoed No date.
	2/3/9/2	Packet containing specifications and schedules, and detailed drawings, for HCV type T411-28.
	2/3/9/3	Ministry of National Development - Housing Division, Draft standard Australian specification for the supply and erection in Australia of dwellings from other countries. 1949
O	2/3/9/4	Ministry of National Development - Housing Division, Model Specification and documents for tendering for imported houses Dec. 1950
24	2/4	Other States, Miscellaneous Files.
	2/4/1	New South Wales.
	2/4/1/1	File labelled "Imported Houses, N.S.W. Housing Commission". Contains correspondence, clippings, plans, specifications, maps. c. 1951 - June 1953
<u>(</u>)	2/4/1/2	Packet labelled "N.S.W. Housing Commission, Economy House, Drgs, Spec, Costs". Contains material as per label plus correspondence and photographs. 1954
-	2/4/2	New Zealand.
	2/4/2/1	File of maps, brochures, correspondence and specifications. 16 Aug. 1944 - 19 May 1948
	2/4/2/2	Packet labelled "N.Z. Housing Drgs"; construction details. 1954

Packet labelled "N.Z. Overseas Spec. and drwgs". 1949

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2/4 Other States, Miscellaneous Files.

7 2/4/3 Queensland.

File labelled "Queensland Housing Commission Imported House Contract Documents"; includes correspondence, clippings, CEBS reports; and reports by HB and the Chairman of HCV following their interstate trip in June and July 1953. 8 July 1953

2/4/4 Tasmania.

File labelled "Imported Houses, Tasmania - Agricultural Bank"; includes analyses of tenders and correspondence; HB visited Tasmania in June 1951.

13 June - 26 July 1951

2/4/5 Western Australia.

2/4/5/1 File labelled "Imported Houses, W.A. Project"; correspondence, GEBS reports, draft contracts and specifications, plans.
16 Oct. 1950 - 14 Aug. 1951

2/4/5/2 File labelled "Housing Commission, West Australia"; correspondence, draft contracts, plans.
4 Jan. 1950 - 4 May 1956

GROUP 3. ARCHITECTS PANEL, OLYMPIC VILLAGE FILE.

Miscellaneous material, including correspondence, specifications and publications, mostly concerned with the reinstatement of the Olympic Village after the Melbourne Olympiad, 1956.

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BOX	GROUP 4.	PUBLICATIONS.
	4/1	Housing Commission, Victoria.
	4/1/2	Miscellaneous.
39	4/1/2/3	H.E. Bartlett, "Training for the Building Industry". Address to Twenty-seventh Conference of the Technical Schools' Association of Victoria. 3 Nov. 1944.
23	4/1/2/4	A.C. Leith, "The 'V.H.C.' Concrete House". Presented to Conference of State Housing Liaison Officers, Sydney. March 1945.
38	4/1/2/5	A.C. Leith and R.O. Boyce, "The 'V.H.C.' Concrete House". Presented to the Melbourne Division, Institute of Engineers, Australia. 31 Aug. 1948.
	4/1/2/6	Concrete Houses; illustrated foldout. No date.
	4/1/2/7	Slum Reclamation Conference, convened by the Minister of Housing and Immigration, and chaired by V.I.A. Bradley, Chairman of HCV. Proceedings, 4 April 1957.
38	4/2	Other Publications.
	4/2/1	Department of Works and Housing, Homes for Australia, illustrated, Canberra. Sept. 1949.
	4/2/2	Hon. A.G. Warner, M.L.C., <u>Housing in Victoria</u> , An Appreciation by the Minister for Housing. Oct. 1949.
	4/2/3	Department of National Development, The Housing Situation, Canberra. Dec. 1956.
	4/2/4	Victoria, Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the Operation of the Housing Acts of Victoria and the Administration of the Housing Commission, 1956. Roneoed, with appendices and index, but no Minutes of Evidence.

Mark Richmond.

1st August 1972.

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