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COMMONS SECURITY SHAMBLES

Pro-hunting protesters cause new security storm after sneaking on to floor of Commons and hurling abuse at MPs **SEE PAGES 4&5**

And the 267-page Holyrood report concludes..

A BIG CIVIL SERVANT DID IT AND RAN AWAY



The Holyrood Inquiry

CIVIL servants were to blame for the Holyrood fiasco, Lord Fraser said yesterday.

His 267-page report into why the Scottish Parliament building costs soared to over £400million was finally published - claiming the mandarins, not MSPs, were at fault.

But no one is set to take a fall for the disaster which embarrassed Scotland.

Top civil servant Sir Muir Russell has quit to take up a post at Glasgow University. And

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Barbara Dolg and Bill Armstrong, who failed as project directors, will still pick up lucrative civil service pensions.

Lord Fraser said the choice of contract doomed the Holyrood project from the very start.

Civil servants, led by Sir Muir, chose a construction management contract without understanding what it meant. The move left

all the risk with the public purse and none with the builders.

After 49 days of evidence and 63 witnesses, the inquiry found ministers, including the late Donald Dewar, had not been consulted by officials on key questions.

Lord Fraser concluded: "The selection of construction management was the single factor to which most of the misfortunes that have befallen the project

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MANDARIN: Sir Muir Russell