Robin Boyd on the House



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LONDON, Sun. - Melbourne architect Robin Boyd will tomorrow start assessing designs for extensions to Britain's Houses of Parliament.

He is one of five men chosen to judge an archi-tectural competition for the extensions.

From tomorrow they will scrutinise the designs of more than 900 architects

It will be the first major extension to the Houses of Parliament since Charles Barry's Gothic structure was completed in the 1860s.

The architects' designsa third of which are from abroad - are for a \$12

million building near Big Ben.

The judges will choose 12 finalists each of whom will receive \$2142 to prepare a more detailed design for the final judging later this year.

On the panel with Mr Boyd are the architect of the National Theatre, Mr Denys Lasdun, the architect of Festival Hall, Sir Robert Matthew, Mr John Parkin, of Canada, and Mr Eric Beford, of the Department of Environment.