



Inquiry into the proposed fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 121-125 Henry Street, Penrith, New South Wales

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at 121-125 Henry Street, Penrith.

The ATO proposes to undertake a fit-out of approximately 10,000 square metres of refurbished accommodation at its current location in Penrith. The proposed fit-out will replace the current fit-out which has been in place since 1994 and is in need of upgrading.

The ATO plans to reduce the size of its tenancy in Henry Street by relinquishing the Ground floor and Levels 1 & 2. The proposed fit-out for the remaining floors will modernise the accommodation and meet current legislative and efficiency standards. Additionally, the building owner will undertake a substantial upgrade to the base building services and facilities to modernise the building.

The ATO's proposed fit-out will be undertaken in a staged approach running independently to the base building refurbishment works. The fit-out works are proposed to commence in July 2015 with an anticipated completion date of late March 2016.

The estimated cost of the project is \$19.6 million (excluding GST).

The Committee Chair, Senator Dean Smith, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in August 2015.

Full details on the project are available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Submissions to the inquiry close on 15 July 2015.

Full details of the public hearing will be available soon.

NB the Public Works Committee is neither involved in the tendering process nor the awarding of contracts. Enquiries on those matters should be addressed to the Australian Taxation Office.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (08) 9481 0349.

For further information, including how to make a submission, the public hearing times, and copies of submissions when they become available, please visit the Committee website <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.