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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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Chair: Senator Dean Smith

Public hearing into new pilot training facilities

A new pilot training system is proposed for the Australian Defence Force in order to prepare for operating a number of new and advanced aircraft.

The Public Works Committee is conducting a hearing into the required infrastructure, which is proposed for RAAF Bases in East Sale, Victoria; Pearce and Gin Gin in Western Australia; Edinburgh, South Australia and Williamtown in New South Wales.

The works will include new aircraft aprons and shelters, maintenance facilities, classrooms, working accommodation, flight simulators and information networks. Additionally, the project will involve demolition and upgrade works as well as landscaping and parking facilities. It will also provide 105 additional living in accommodation units at RAAF Base Sale.

The project is expected to cost \$329.8 million (excluding GST).

Full details on the project are available on the committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/pwc</u>

Public Hearing Venue:	Legislative Council Committee Room, Victorian Parliament
	House, Spring Street, Melbourne
Date:	Tuesday, 5 April 2016
Time:	11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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 Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact office of the Chair, Senator Dean Smith 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 <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc</u> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.