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Public hearing

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Public hearings on office fit-outs for AAT and Geoscience Australia

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works will hold public hearings in Canberra tomorrow to examine two fit-outs proposed by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) and Geoscience Australia.

AAT proposes to fit-out newly leased premises in Melbourne's central business district to consolidate its operations in Melbourne. The fit-out includes office space, hearing rooms, dispute resolution rooms, meeting rooms, and associated facilities. The estimated cost of the project is \$15.68 million.

Geoscience Australia proposes to conduct a variety of works at the main building in the Canberra suburb of Symonston. The proposed works include the demolition of internal walls and creation of an open floor plate, new office fit-out, repainting of all painted surfaces, new flooring, new toilets, kitchens and meeting facilities, as well as upgrades to hydraulic, mechanical and fire services. The estimated cost of the project is \$17.5 million.

Public Hearing Venue: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

Date: Friday, 31 March 2017

Times: 8.00am – 9.45am (AAT)

9.45am – 11.30am (Geoscience Australia)

Members of the public are welcome to attend to observe proceedings. The hearing will also be webcast at www.aph.gov.au/live.

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

NB the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works is neither involved in the tendering process nor the awarding of contracts. Enquiries on those matters should be addressed to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal or Geoscience Australia.

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