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Public hearing

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Public hearing on security upgrades at Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works will hold a public hearing in Perth tomorrow to examine security hardening works at the Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre (YHIDC).

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has proposed security hardening works at the YHIDC involving significant upgrades to two compounds, and perimeter security. Some existing accommodation will be removed and replaced with more secure accommodation for 120 higher risk detainees.

Detention centres are being rationalised and detainees from other facilities in Western Australia are being moved to the YHIDC site at Northam, which has necessitated the proposed works.

The proposed works are anticipated to begin in March 2017, and is expected to be completed by March 2018. The proposed works are estimated to cost approximately \$27.4 million (excluding GST).

Public Hearing Venue: Committee Meeting Room 1, Level 1, 11 Harvest Terrace, West Perth

Date: Friday, 3 February 2017

Time: 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

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 Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

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