



Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Public hearing into proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Finance, ACT

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into the proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Finance, Australian Capital Territory.

Finance has sought approval from the Public Works Committee to fit-out 20,502m² of newly leased accommodation in a recently constructed building at One Canberra Avenue, Forrest in the ACT.

Finance has told the Committee that it is seeking to provide its employees with an efficient and sustainable work environment which will meet its needs for the next 20 years and beyond. The move to One Canberra Avenue will allow the Department to consolidate staff into a single tenancy with specialist staff continuing to be located offsite.

Finance says that there are regular times when its staff must work long hours outside of normal business times, and thus amenities have an impact on staff satisfaction and retention. The ability for the Department to provide modern, attractive, and adaptable office accommodation is an important factor in maintaining staff satisfaction and attracting and retaining skilled and experienced staff.

The fit-out is scheduled to commence in March / April 2015 with practical completion scheduled for 1 July 2015. The estimated cost of the project is \$32.066 million, excluding GST.

Public Hearing Venue: **Committee Room 1R2**
 Parliament House, Canberra
Date: **Friday, 13 February 2015**
Time: **9.30am to 10.30am**

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

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 Finance.

For further information, including 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.