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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

## **Modernising ATO offices in Perth**

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at 45 Francis Street, Northbridge in WA is proposing to reduce the size of its tenancy area and modernise the internal fit-out.

The current fit-out requires upgrading as it has been in place since 2002 and has reached the end of its life. The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing tomorrow into the proposed fit-out.

The proposed works will provide flexible office space and meeting rooms as well as enhanced conference, training and video-conferencing facilities. The fit-out planning and design is intended to minimise energy use and operating costs through use a building management system to monitor and control lighting, mechanical services and energy.

The ATO's submission also states they will achieve significant savings through negotiating lease incentives and benefits from base building refurbishment to be undertaken by the landlord. The base building works will be carried out at the same time as the ATO's fit-out to minimise disruption.

The estimated cost of the project is \$27.5 million (excluding GST).

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

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

Date: Friday, 4 December 2015
Time: 9.30 am - 10.30 am

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 Australian Taxation Office.

For interview: Contact the 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 <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc">http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc</a> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.

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