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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

New inquiry

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Fit out for Department of Immigration and Border Protection head office under scrutiny

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works today announced that it is conducting an inquiry into the fit out of both newly leased and existing office space for the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP).

The DIBP, including its enforcement arm, Australian Border Force, has proposed moving its staff to two locations, the Canberra Airport and the Canberra suburb of Belconnen. Under the proposal, staff at Canberra Airport will be located at the Brindabella Business Park at 3 Molonglo Drive, with other ACT staff to be located in Belconnen at 6 Chan Street, 5 Chan Street and the North tower of 45 Benjamin Way (currently known as ABS House).

The fit-out of the new accommodation is anticipated to begin in August 2017, and is expected to be completed by February 2021. The proposed works are estimated to cost approximately \$257.3 million.

It is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry early in 2017. Further information on the public hearing will be available soon.

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

The Committee would like to hear from all individuals or organisations interested in the inquiry.

Submissions to the inquiry close on 19 January 2017.

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 Immigration and Border Protection.

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