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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

Public hearing for inquiry into the proposed OneSKY Perth Air Traffic Services Centre modernisation works

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into the proposed refurbishment of the Perth Air Traffic Services Centre.

Airservices Australia seeks approval to carry out works to modernise the Perth Air Traffic Services Centre in preparation for the introduction of the new OneSKY system. Airservices' current air traffic management system has been operational since the late 1990s and is approaching end of life.

Airservices Australia and the Department of Defence have partnered to develop the OneSKY Australia Program which will deliver modernisation of air traffic management in Australia.

Under the OneSKY system, Australian airspace which is currently divided into two regions will become a single Flight Information Region. The single region will provide future air traffic control capability with flexibility and resilience.

To support the OneSKY system, proposed works by Airservices Australia include provision of a new plant room complete with required power and cooling infrastructure; upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Perth Air Traffic Services Centre building and infrastructure; and upgrades to the existing site security systems.

The estimated cost of the project is \$23.05 million (excluding GST).

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

Public Hearing Venue: Rendezvous Hotel Perth, Scarborough, Western Australia

Date: Friday, 7 August 2015

Time: 1.00 – 2.00 pm

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 Airservices Australia.

For interview: Contact the office of Senator Dean Smith, Chair, 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 http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.

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