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**Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works**

New inquiry

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## **Committee to examine upgrades to infrastructure at Russell Offices**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works yesterday launched an inquiry into proposed upgrades to critical infrastructure at Department of Defence office accommodation in the Canberra suburb of Russell.

The project proposes to upgrade critical service infrastructure at Russell Offices Building 5 and Building 6, currently occupied by the Australian Signals Directorate. The works proposed include upgrades to the existing emergency power systems, electrical distribution infrastructure, mechanical systems, hydraulics, fire protection, and control systems. It also proposes a reconfiguration of the main entry foyer and associated security systems.

The estimated cost of the project is \$75.4 million, excluding GST. It is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in April 2017.

The Committee would like to hear from all individuals or organisations interested in the inquiry. Submissions will be accepted until 29 March 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 of Defence.

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