



Defence relocation from Moorebank to Holsworthy in Sydney

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the Moorebank Units Relocation (MUR) project in Sydney, NSW.

The Department of Defence (Defence) states that the project will relocate Defence units and facilities from Moorebank to the Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney. This will facilitate the construction of the Moorebank Intermodal Freight Terminal announced by the Australian Government in the 2012-13 Federal Budget. The project includes an upgrade of existing engineering services, demolition of outdated buildings and temporary relocation works. The project will also provide long-term operational efficiencies to Holsworthy Barracks.

The cost of the works is approximately \$870 million, excluding GST. Defence states that the work required to relocate its operations will be complete by December 2014, with the remaining work to be completed by December 2015.

The Committee's Chair, Janelle Saffin MP, said the Committee will examine the project and conduct a public hearing regarding the proposal in August 2012.

"This project aims to relocate Defence operations from Moorebank to Holsworthy Barracks. It also proposes to rationalise and consolidate a number of Defence activities at Holsworthy. The Committee will scrutinise Defence's project to ensure that the works are fit for purpose and offer value for money for the Commonwealth," Ms Saffin said.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Tuesday, 31 July 2012.

The Committee will be holding a public hearing on the proposed works in Sydney in August. Details of the public hearing will be announced soon.

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 Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's media advisor, Lee Duncan on 0448 158 150.

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.