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## **Inquiry into construction of a new Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya**

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the construction of a new Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) proposes to construct a purpose-built new Australian High Commission complex on Commonwealth-owned land in the suburb of Rosslyn, approximately 15 kilometres from the Nairobi city centre. This facility will serve as Australia's ongoing permanent mission to Kenya. It will replace the existing chancery building, which no longer meets the security, operational and accommodation needs of the represented agencies.

Works are expected to commence in early 2016 with the project complete by mid-2018. The estimated cost of the project is \$57.6 million.

The Committee's Chair, Karen Andrews MP, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in February 2014.

Full details on the project are available on the Committee's website: [www.aph.gov.au/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc)

### **Submissions to the inquiry close on Friday, 24 January 2014.**

Full 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 Foreign Affairs and Trade.

**For interview:** Contact the Chair's office on (07) 5580 9111.

**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.