



Public Works Committee to scrutinise proposed new Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing on Monday in Canberra, for its inquiry into the proposed construction of a new Australian High Commission complex in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya. The complex will serve as Australia's ongoing permanent mission to Kenya.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade submits that the existing chancery building no longer meets the security, operational and accommodation needs of DFAT and other tenant agencies.

The Committee will review the Department's proposal to ensure the project is necessary, fit for purpose and signifies value for money for the Commonwealth. The anticipated cost of the project is estimated at \$57.6 million (excluding land costs). If approved, the project will be complete by late 2018.

For further details on the proposal, visit the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Hearing Venue - **Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra**
Date - **Monday, 10 February 2014**
Time - **12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

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 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.