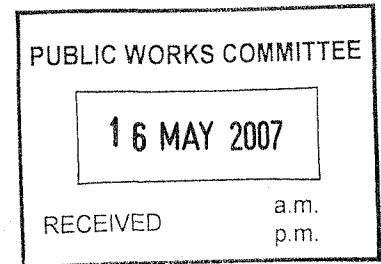




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SUBMISSION5.....

Dear Mr Knight

Supplementary Submission - Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Department of Health and Ageing, Woden

On 30 April 2007, you referred a submission from Australian Public Trustees Limited (APT) (Submission 2), in relation to the above proposal, to the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department). APT is the owner of Penrhyn House, which is one of five Woden leases currently held by the Department (not including Scarborough House).

The APT submission indicates that the Department's submission contains errors of fact, as stated at paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1

Paragraph 1.1.3 of the Department's submission states that the new accommodation need, '*...is driven by a number of the major current leases expiring in mid 2009 without further renewal options...*'. This statement is correct as, of the five leases that the Department has entered into, four will expire in mid 2009 with no renewal options. There is a lease renewal option in the lease for Penrhyn House as indicated in APT's submission.

Paragraph 1.3.1 states that the, '*...office accommodation is of poor quality (generally C grade)...*'. This statement sought to summarise the standard of the leased accommodation and may not apply to Penrhyn House specifically.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Neil Storey, Director, Central Office Accommodation, on (02) 6289 8281 or by email, neil.storey@health.gov.au, if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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 16 May 2007