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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP

Public hearing into cost increases for Commonwealth Parliamentary offices at 1 Bligh Street, Sydney

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing into cost increases for the fit-out of Commonwealth Parliamentary offices at 1 Bligh Street, Sydney. The proponent agency is the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD). The project was originally approved by the Committee in June 2012, at a cost of \$21 million.

The Committee has been informed of significant cost increases for the project. The project is now estimated to cost \$25.431 million. The Committee has also been informed that the project will not be completed until 31 May 2013, a delay of several months.

The Committee is holding a public hearing with DoFD to determine why the cost estimate has increased and the schedule has been extended.

Hearing Venue: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra
Date: Thursday, 21 March 2013
Time: 5.00pm to 5.45pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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 Finance and Deregulation.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

For further information, please visit the Committee website <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.

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