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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

*Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP*

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## **Australian Taxation Office seeks approval for Brisbane works**

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing for its inquiry into a proposed office fitout for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at 55 Elizabeth Street in Brisbane, Queensland.

The ATO has submitted a proposal for the fitout of about 18,000 square metres of office space in a new building which will be built on Elizabeth Street in the Brisbane CBD. The ATO will be the sole tenant of the office space in the building, occupying 14 floors. The proposal would provide the ATO with a single location to accommodate staff from two existing leases that will be expiring in the next three years. The estimated cost of the proposal is \$33.1 million, and if Parliamentary approval is given, the project would commence in May 2012, and be complete one year later.

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

The public hearing details are as follows:

**DATE: Monday 8 August 2011**

**TIME: 1.00pm - 2.00pm**

**VENUE: Marqe Hotel, 103 George Street, Brisbane**

**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 Australian Taxation Office.

**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.

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