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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

New Defence nutrition facilities to go before Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into proposed new facilities for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) at Scottsdale, Tasmania.

The Department of Defence's submission outlines the detail of the proposed facilities, which would enable the Human Protection and Performance Division of DSTO to continue to produce food for ration packs. They would also ensure that it can continue to conduct tests, evaluations and investigations into how Defence rations affect the health and performance of members of the Australian Defence Force. The estimated cost of the works is \$18.7 million (excluding GST). If approved by Parliament, the works would commence in early 2012 and be complete by mid 2014.

Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

The hearing details are as follows:

DATE: Wednesday 27 July 2011

TIME: 12.00pm - 1.30pm

VENUE: Scottsdale Hotel-Motel, 18-24 George Street, Scottsdale, Tasmania

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 Defence.

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 0434 567 521.