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Question:

Please update the Committee on the status of the ASIO building?

Answer:

The new ASIO Central Office Building project is approximately 98 per cent complete with construction works currently focussed on the testing and commissioning of the building's services. Practical completion is expected to occur in May 2014. ASIO will occupy the building at practical completion to undertake its direct works. It is anticipated that the majority of ASIO staff will commence occupation of the building from later in 2014.

The new ASIO building will also accommodate the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC). The ACSC fitout works commenced in October 2013. Under the current program projections, and subject to no material changes in the current scope of works, the building will be available for occupation by the ACSC in July 2014.