



Inquiry into the proposed Campbell Barracks redevelopment

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed Campbell Barracks redevelopment in Swanbourne, Western Australia.

The Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) is a Special Forces unit of the Australian Army which provides unique capabilities to support sensitive strategic and recovery operations as well as advisory and training assistance to other units.

The Department of Defence told the Committee that much of the infrastructure and engineering services within Campbell Barracks dates back to the 1960s. Since then, the SASR's role has expanded and the unit has more than doubled in size from approximately 300 personnel to approximately 700 personnel today.

The redevelopment project seeks to address problems associated with aging and obsolete working accommodation, a dysfunctional layout, inadequate storage and poor infrastructure. Planned works include construction and refurbishment of service and storage buildings, creating a secure entry precinct and repair of roads, communication, electrical, sewerage, water and gas systems.

The project is expected to commence in early 2016 and be completed by late 2018. The estimated cost of the redevelopment project is \$223.6 million (excluding GST).

The Committee Chair, Senator Dean Smith, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in Perth in August 2015.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on 22 July 2015.

Full details of the public hearing will be available soon.

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 office on (08) 9481 0349.

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.