



Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Public hearing for proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Social Services, ACT

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing on Friday in Canberra, for its inquiry into the proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Social Services in Tuggeranong, ACT.

The Department of Social Services' (DSS) National Office currently consists of six leased offices spread across the Tuggeranong and Woden districts in the ACT.

The DSS proposal seeks approval for the integrated fit-out of 30,400m² in a new building to be built adjacent to the Department's current accommodation at Tuggeranong Office Park.

DSS has told the Committee that the new accommodation will allow it to accommodate most staff in one location.

The estimated cost of the project is \$55.86 million.

"The Committee recognises that this is a significant project which will provide accommodation for the Department of Social Services for the next 15-25 years. However, the cost of the proposed works is substantial so the Committee will be looking closely at how the money is to be spent" Mrs Andrews said.

For further details on the proposal, visit the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Hearing Venue: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra
Date: Friday, 18 July 2014
Time: 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

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 Social Services.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 5580 9111.

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.