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## **Refurbishment proposed for ATO offices in WA**

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at 45 Francis Street, Northbridge.

The ATO proposes to undertake a fit-out of approximately 14,402 square metres of refurbished accommodation at its current location in Northbridge. The ATO says the proposed fit-out will replace the current fit-out which has been in place since 2002 and is in need of upgrading.

The ATO plans to reduce the size of its tenancy in Francis Street by relinquishing approximately 8154 square metres. The proposed fit-out for the remaining area will modernise the accommodation and meet current workpoint density standards. Additionally, the building owner will undertake a substantial upgrade to the base building services and facilities to modernise the building.

The ATO's proposed fit-out would be undertaken in a staged approach commencing in March 2016, with an anticipated completion date of April 2017.

The estimated cost of the project is \$27.5 million (excluding GST).

It is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry before the end of the year. Further information on the public hearing will be available soon.

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

**Submissions to the inquiry close on 19 November 2015.**

**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 office of the Chair, Senator Dean Smith 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.