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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Public Hearing

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Public hearing on AFP security upgrades

The Public Works Committee will hold a hearing in Canberra tomorrow to examine proposed upgrades to the security infrastructure at eight Australian Federal Police facilities around Australia.

Following a series of security incidents at police stations in Sydney, Adelaide and Gold Coast, the AFP undertook an assessment of security at its facilities around Australia. This assessment found a number of vulnerabilities, and determined that improvements were necessary to reduce the threat posed by unauthorised access by people and vehicles, reduce the potential for attacks using improvised explosive devices, as well as provide improved systems for responding to security incidents effectively.

The proposed works will be undertaken in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide. If approved, the AFP expects the works to be completed by December 2017 at an estimated cost of \$39 million.

Public Hearing Venue: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

Date: Friday, 25 November 2016

Time: 11.30am to 12.30pm

The hearing will also be webcast at www.aph.gov.au/live.

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

NB the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works is neither involved in the tendering process nor the awarding of contracts. Enquiries on those matters should be addressed to the Department of Defence.

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