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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Public Hearings

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Public hearings on South Australian Defence projects

The Public Works Committee will hold two hearings in Adelaide next week to discuss projects relating to RAAF bases in Edinburgh and at Woomera.

The Edinburgh facility is a part of Phase 2A of the JP500 project, which aims to bring Australia's land and maritime electronic warfare capability up to a level comparable with the Australian Defence Force's current air electronic warfare capabilities. Phase 2A is intended to provide fit for purpose facilities and infrastructure for the installation of new systems needed to support current and emerging electronic warfare detection and countermeasure technologies.

Defence proposes to construct a new building within the Edinburgh Defence precinct in South Australia, at an estimated cost of \$24.9 million. This building will house laboratories, workshops, simulation equipment, testing support systems, office space and staff amenities.

The proposed Woomera Range remediation project will provide fit for purpose facilities and infrastructure to support new systems installation, at an estimated cost of \$48.6 million. Proposed elements include a new Range Control Centre, a new Communications Interface Building, a maintenance and storage facility, seventeen new instrumentation and communications sites, three new target sites, fibre optic cable connections, and roads upgrades. Construction is expected to commence in mid-2017, and completed in mid-2018.

Public Hearing Venue: Bagster Road Community Centre, 17 Bagster Road, Salisbury North, Adelaide

Date: Monday 23 January 2017

Schedule:

10.45am – 12.00pm – Edinburgh hearing

1.30pm – 2.30pm – Woomera hearing

Members of the public are welcome to attend. The hearings will also be webcast at www.aph.gov.au/live.



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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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