



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Issued: 6 May 2015

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

*Chair: Senator Dean Smith*

---

## **Public hearing into residential accommodation and staff amenities at the Australian Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan**

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into proposed residential accommodation and staff amenities at the Australian Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade seeks approval to reconfigure, refurbish and remediate five leased buildings in Kabul. The proposed works will establish a contiguous security zone around the chancery, including residential accommodation and dining, representational and recreational amenities in a way that addresses security and safety risks.

The estimated cost of the project is \$23.0 million.

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

**Public Hearing Venue:** Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra  
**Date:** Monday, 11 May 2015  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.00pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**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 Foreign Affairs and Trade.

**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.