



Public Works Committee inquires into redevelopment of ADFA

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) redevelopment in Canberra, ACT.

The Department of Defence has submitted its proposal for the works, which include new constructions, refurbishments and infrastructure upgrades. The total value of the proposed works is \$98.5 million, and works will be undertaken on the existing ADFA site in Canberra.

The proposed scope of the works includes new teaching spaces, an auditorium, an indoor sports centre and a battle physical training area. Refurbishments will be carried out on teaching and lecturing facilities, kitchens, working accommodation, living accommodation and other facilities. If Parliamentary approval is given, construction will commence in late 2011, and be completed by the end of 2014.

The Public Works Committee is responsible for ensuring that the need, cost and scope proposed is appropriate.

‘This proposal would represent a significant investment in an important part of the Australian Defence Force’s facilities,’ Ms Saffin said. ‘The Committee is concerned to ensure that the proposed works will meet the current and future needs of ADFA, and that the Commonwealth is getting value for money.’

Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee’s website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

The Committee will be holding a public hearing on the proposal on Friday 27 May 2011 in Parliament House, Canberra. The hearing will be held in Committee Room 1S6 at 10.15am. Members of the public are encouraged 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 Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair’s media advisor, Lee Duncan on 0448 158 150.

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 0434 567 521.