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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP

Inquiry into new forensic facility

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed new forensic facility for the Australian Federal Police (AFP) at Majura, ACT.

The objective of the project is to deliver a fit-for-purpose facility that will support AFP forensic and technical intelligence operations and projected growth of specialist disciplines over the next 20 years. The existing facility in Weston in the ACT no longer provides the necessary accommodation to support AFP forensic and technical intelligence activities.

The estimated cost of the project is \$106 million. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2015.

The Committee's Chair, Kirsten Livermore MP, said the Committee will conduct an inspection and public hearing for the project in February 2012.

"The proposed facility will have the capacity to house a best practice forensic and technical intelligence capability. Importantly, the new facility will cater for projected growth in the AFP's forensic activity. The Committee will examine this project to ensure that the proposed works will meet the need and provide value for money for the Commonwealth" Ms Livermore said.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on 24 January 2013.

Details of the public hearing program will be announced soon.

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 Federal Police.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

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.