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Proposed fit-out and external works of the ANZAC Park West Building Parkes, Australian Capital Territory under Parliamentary scrutiny

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into a major proposal by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) to works to the ANZAC Park West Building Parkes, ACT.

The proposed \$45.5 million project aims to provide flexible, modern office facilities for approximately 900 Department of Defence staff in a location that complements the internal management and co-ordination of the Department.

The project will include the fit-out and external works consisting of car parks, landscaping and pavilion works.

The Committee will conduct site inspections and public hearings in July as part of its inquiry into the proposal.

Committee Chair, Mark Butler MP, welcomes the public to have its say. "The Committee notes that this building has been unoccupied for ten years and is pleased to finally see this refurbishment before it. I encourage the public to come along and hear more about this multi-million dollar project," Mr Butler said. "The Committee will question Finance on the proposal, in respect of its need, cost, scope, purpose and value for money."

Public submissions on the proposal are also welcome. Full details on the proposal, public hearing times and the work of the Committee are available on the Committee's website.

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 Finance.

For interview: Contact the office of the Committee Chair, Mark Butler MP on (08) 8447 7466.

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 <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc</u> or contact the Committee Secretariat on 02 6277 4636.