



Inquiry into new ATO office accommodation in Dandenong, Victoria

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at the site known as Site 5 and 6, the Revitalised Central Dandenong project, Dandenong, Vic.

The ATO proposes to lease and fit out a building that maintains the co-location of staff in the existing Dandenong office, giving the ATO opportunity to implement more collaborative work practices, uniformity, more efficient use of the workspace, and administrative efficiencies.

The ATO's existing office space in Dandenong is ageing. It would require extensive upgrades and a new fit out to meet the ATO's current building specifications. The proposed development would provide modern office space that meets environmental requirements and ATO business needs.

Works are expected to commence in March 2014 with the project complete by October 2015. The estimated cost of the project is \$21.3 million.

The Committee's Chair, Kirsten Livermore MP, said "This proposal will enable the relocation of over 900 ATO staff from the existing 25-year-old offices to new, purpose-built accommodation. Importantly, the project proposes to maintain the ATO's presence in Dandenong, Victoria."

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Monday, 24 June 2013.

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 Taxation Office.

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.