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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Public hearing scheduled for proposed Defence relocation from Moorebank to Holsworthy in Sydney

Representatives of the Department of Defence (Defence) and the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) will appear before the Public Works Committee on Thursday 9 August 2012, for the inquiry into the proposed Moorebank Units Relocation.

Defence states that the project will relocate Defence units and facilities from Moorebank to the Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney. This will facilitate the construction of the Moorebank Intermodal Freight Terminal announced by the Australian Government in the 2012-13 Federal Budget. Finance will appear to discuss broader issues surrounding the Intermodal Terminal project.

The project includes an upgrade of existing engineering services, demolition of outdated buildings and temporary relocation works. The project will also provide long-term operational efficiencies to Holsworthy Barracks. The cost of the works is approximately \$870 million, excluding GST.

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

Representatives from Finance and Defence and their consultants will give evidence at the hearing.

Hearing Venue: Comfort Inn, Hume Highway and York Street, Casula, NSW

Date: Thursday, 9 August 2012

Time: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

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 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 (02) 6277 4636.

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