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Re: Proposed fit out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at the Woden Town Centre

The works outlined in the Department of Health and Ageing (DHA) submission to the Committee (dated 29 March 2007) are subject to certain provisions of the Australian Government Energy Efficiency policy.

The Department of Environment and Water Resources (DEW) through the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) has held several meetings with the Department Health and Ageing to discuss their submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Works in the context of the EEGO policy requirements.

DEW has reviewed part 2.8 of the DHA submission and expressed concerns to DHA that they have omitted reference to the Green Lease Schedule (GLS). Consequently DEW has received a revised letter dated 17 April 2007 from DHA indicating that they will attach a (B1) GLS to any lease relating to the proposed new Woden Office accommodation.

It is imperative for EEGO policy compliance that DHA advise DEW when the (B1) GLS has been finally agreed by the leasing parties.

The AGO also encourages good practice in installation of adequate electricity and water metering to facilitate accurate reporting and management by Australian Government agencies. Separate digital metering for tenant light and power and base building services is essential to achieve and validate the proposed 4.5 stars ABGR.

The proposed building works outlined in the DHA submission would comply with the EEGO policy with the inclusion of the (B1) GLS. The DHA submission demonstrates a good intention to achieve a 4.5 star ABGR standard for their proposed premise and seeks to minimise greenhouse gas emissions for this building.



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