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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator the Hon Jan Lucas

Public Works Committee to hold hearing into Paris Embassy works

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed Midlife Engineering Services Refurbishment, Australian Embassy Paris, France.

The \$28.3 million project proposes to replace mechanical equipment, early warning systems, fire detection and exit and emergency lighting. The project proposes to include further works in the International Energy Agency tenancy including the installation of energy efficient heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, and refurbishment of the core building areas.

The Public Works Committee is responsible for ensuring that the need, cost and scope proposed is appropriate.

The Committee will be holding a public hearing with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the proposal at **9am on Monday 26 October 2009**.

Details of the hearing are:

Committee Room 1R5
Parliament House
Canberra

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

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 Foreign Affairs and Trade.

For interview: Contact the Chair's media advisor, Derek Tipper on 0434 663 757.

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 0434 567 521.