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## **Public hearing scheduled for proposed fit-out of Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Sydney**

Representatives of the Department of Finance and Deregulation will appear before the Public Works Committee on Thursday 3 May 2012 for the inquiry into the proposed fit-out of Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices at 1 Bligh Street, Sydney.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation provides office accommodation for Commonwealth Parliamentarians in each capital city. The lease on the Sydney premises lapsed in February, and the Department argues that those facilities are outdated and not fit for purpose. The Department is of the view that the best value for money would be to relocate the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices to 1 Bligh Street using the lease proposed by the building owner. The project is estimated to cost \$21 million, excluding GST, and would be complete by November 2012.

Full details on the Department's proposal are available on the Committee's website:  
[www.aph.gov.au/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc)

Representatives from the Department of Finance and Deregulation and their consultants will give evidence at the hearing.

**Hearing Venue:** Sir Stamford Circular Quay Hotel, 93 Macquarie Street, Sydney  
**Date:** Thursday, 3 May 2012  
**Time:** 10.45am to 11.45am – Department of Finance and Deregulation  
(Submission 1)

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 Finance and Deregulation.

**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.