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Speaker	McCormack, Michael, MP	Question No.	

Mr McCORMACK (Riverina—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance) (10:29): I move:

That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Delamere Air Weapons Range Redevelopment Project, Northern Territory.

The Department of Defence is proposing to construct new fit-for-purpose facilities to support the Royal Australian Air Force's primary training area for air-to-surface weapon deliveries at the Delamere Air Weapons Range, which is in the Northern Territory. The Delamere Air Weapons Range includes an airfield complex, an urban environment and a fuel storage complex. The range also includes a high-explosive impact area, a practice bombing impact zone, a practice rocketry impact zone and air-to-surface gunnery lanes.

The project will deliver new working and living accommodation and vehicle maintenance areas, a new alternative high-explosive impact area, upgraded roads, improved boundary fencing and general airfield remediation. The project will also conduct demolitions, civil works and landscaping. The project will support increased exercise activity and meet the desire from coalition partners for increased exercise access and greater operational fidelity. The project will also support the safe employment of the Air Force's weapons capabilities and the new Growler mobile threat training emitter systems.

The project cost is estimated at \$74.4 million, excluding GST. This includes costs of construction, escalation allowances, professional service fees, design, information technology equipment and contingencies. This investment will bring economic benefits for the Northern Territory. Subject to parliamentary approval of the project, construction is expected to begin in the first half of 2016 with completion expected by early- to mid-2018. I commend this motion to the House.

Question agreed to.