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Speaker	McCormack, Michael, MP	Question No.	

Mr McCORMACK (Riverina—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance) (17:02): 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: Land 121—Unit Sustainment Facilities Project.

The Australian Defence Force is required to prevent, deter or respond to threat in a variety of environments. To achieve this, it requires vehicles which provide enhanced battlefield mobility and logistics support. The Department of Defence is proposing to provide new and refurbished infrastructure at eight locations across Australia for the acquisition of new vehicles for the Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force and joint logistics command units across Australia.

The proposed works include new maintenance workshops and associated repair part stores, weighbridges, loading and inspection ramps, wash points, fuel points, vehicle shelters and associated hardstandings. The project is valued at an estimated \$276.5 million, excluding GST and includes construction costs, management design fees, furniture, information and communications technology, fitting and equipment, contingencies and escalation allowances. The main works will be delivered in the Townsville and Brisbane regions, with minor works being delivered near Sydney, Puckapunyal, Adelaide, Perth and Darwin. This capital investment in facilities will bring economic stimulus with expected opportunities for local subcontractors over the next three years.

Subject to parliamentary approval of the project, construction is expected to begin in early 2016, with staged practical completion occurring between late 2016 and 2019. I commend this motion to the House.

Question agreed to.