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Mr Grant Hehir  
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Dear Mr Hehir

I write following a recent constituents meeting regarding a 2019 tender process seeking leased office accommodation for the Department of Defence. Attached is a copy of the relevant newspaper advertisement calling for expressions of interest.

The party I met with; representatives of Cirque Group Pty Ltd, where unsuccessful and have raised governance concerns around the process; concerns they believe are also supported by other unsuccessful applicants.

To their knowledge, a successful tenderer was not identified.

As you would appreciate taking part in these processes takes significant time and investment; however, little to no feedback was offered to tenders at the conclusion of the assessment process.

Compounding feelings around these matters are recent media reports pointing to the need for additional office space for the Department of Defence.

I write seeking your assistance in a review of the governance and outcomes of this tender process with the aim of giving confidence to those who wish to take part in similar processes in the future and secondly to ensure that identified needs within the Public Service are being met by those responsible.

The group believes this matter may have already been raised with the ANAO by other parties.

Any advice you have would be welcome.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. McBain', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Kristy McBain**  
Member for Eden-Monaro