

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Legislation Committee**

**Examination of budget estimates
2000–2001**

Additional information received

Volume 1

DEFENCE PORTFOLIO

(Department of Defence, Defence Housing Authority
and Department of Veterans' Affairs)

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Information relating to budget estimates 2000–2001

Examination of expenditure for the Defence portfolio

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

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Clarification of answer given at additional supplementary estimates 1999–2000

Faulkner A clarification of evidence given by Mr Peter Sharp, Head, Defence Corporate Support, on pages 32, 37, 40–41 of the Defence supplementary estimates transcript of 3 May 2000. It relates to questions asked by Senators Faulkner and Hogg about the use of Victoria Barracks Paddington Officers Mess on 27 July 1999.

Budget estimates 2000–2001

Clarification of answers given at budget estimates 2000–2001

West A clarification of evidence given by Major General Peter Dunn, Head, Defence Personnel Executive, on page 168 of the Defence estimates transcript of 30 May 2000. It relates to Senator West's question about a special Reserve force involving the staff of Defence contractors

West A clarification of evidence given by Ms Jenny McKenry, Head, Public Affairs and Corporate Communication, on page 173 of the Defence estimates transcript of 30 May 2000. It relates to Senator West's question about the employment of officer within the science area.

Hogg A clarification of evidence given by Major General Peter Dunn, Head, Defence Personnel Executive, on page 185 of the Defence estimates transcript of 30 May 2000. It relates to Senator Hogg's question about the selection criteria for the Defence Service Centre at Cooma.

Hogg Further information provided by Commodore A W Flint, Director General Maritime Development. It relates to Senator Hogg's question at budget estimates on 30 May, about the inerting gas system on *HMAS Success*.

Portfolio overview and major corporate issues

<i>West</i>	1	Economic impact of Defence expenditure in regional Australia
<i>Hogg</i>	2	Senior military appointments
<i>Hogg</i>	3	Theft of ADF weapons
<i>West</i>	4	Australia/United States alliance
<i>West</i>	5	Cost of the Reserves
<i>Hogg</i>	6	Monitoring of ANAO and JCPAA reports

Output 1—Defence operations

<i>West</i>	7	Defence international assistance
<i>Schacht</i>	8	<i>Coming Home</i> parades for returning Interfet personnel

Output 2—Navy capabilities

<i>Hogg</i>	9	Breakdown of the cost for Mr Prescott's consultancy services
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Output 3—Army capabilities

<i>Hogg</i>	10	Operating expenses for Army Aviation operations
<i>Hogg</i>	11	Medical discharges resulting from personnel failing the Army individual readiness notice
<i>West</i>	12	Impact of East Timor operation upon the provision of health services under the Aboriginal communities program

Output 4—Air Force capabilities

<i>Hogg</i>	13	Defence language school
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Output 5—Policy advice

<i>Hogg</i>	14	Visit to china by the Chief of the Defence Force
<i>Hogg</i>	15	private financing initiative network
<i>Hogg</i>	16	Discretionary grants
<i>Hogg</i>	17	Positions in the Defence Public Affairs Organisation
<i>Hogg</i>	18	Review of the Australian Services Cadet Scheme
<i>Hogg</i>	19	Job security of Reservists serving in East Timor

People and learning

<i>Hogg</i>	20	Reserve officer retention
<i>West</i>	21	ADF recruitment advertising
<i>Hogg</i>	22	ADF recruiting outsourcing trial
<i>West</i>	23	Consultancy contract for the Defence Service Centre
<i>Hogg</i>	24	Tender processes for the Defence Service Centre
<i>Schacht</i>	25	Directorate of Honours and Awards
<i>West</i>	26	Medical staff serving with UNTAET

People and learning (continued)

Hogg	27	Psychological well-being of troops returning from East Timor
Hogg	28	Dengue fever contracted in East Timor
Hogg	29	Initial response: reports of assaults in relation to ADF personnel serving in East Timor
Hogg	29a	Further response: reports of assaults in relation to ADF personnel serving in East Timor
Hogg	30	Unacceptable behaviour in the ADF
Hogg	31	Initiatives designed to curb the incidence of sexual harassment
Hogg	32	Staff training at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)
Hogg	33	Running costs of ADFA and Australian Defence Studies Centre
Hogg	34	Status of Angela McCarthy case
Hogg	35	Status of compensation cases of two sailors
Hogg	36	Training costs of ADF personnel
Hogg	37	Defence employees certified agreement 2000–2001
Hogg	38	Isolated establishment allowance
Hogg	39	Posting turbulence review

Acquisition and logistic support/interaction with industry

Hogg/West	40	Loss of Kalkara target drone
Hogg	41	Acquisition's key performance indicators
Hogg	42	APS senior executive service fellowship
Hogg	43	Consultants employed to assist in acquisition reform initiatives
Hogg	44	RAAF's AGM-142 'popeye' missile project
Hogg	45	Annual Defence procurement conference
Hogg	46	Engagement of Australian small-to-medium enterprises
Hogg	47	Defence acquisition regional offices
Hogg	48	Airborne early warning and control project and air-to-air refuelling project
Hogg	49	Air 87
Hogg	50	White Book projects

Science and technology

Hogg	51	Establishment of the Military systems experimentation branch and undertake a review
Hogg	52	Comparison of 2000–2001 DSTO budget with 1999–2000 budget
Hogg	53	DSTO involvement in the East Timor operation
Hogg	54	Cyber warfare
Hogg	55	DSTO's industry alliances
Hogg	56	Capability and technology demonstrators
Hogg	57	DSTO weaknesses

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Information systems

West 58 Security of Defence information systems
Hogg 59 Starlight interaction link

Corporate services

Hogg 60 Navy ammunition facility at Eden
Hogg 61 1999–2000 savings as a result of market testing of garrison support
Hutchins 62 Compensation claims by former crewman of the *Melbourne*
Hogg 63 Sale and lease-back of Defence properties
Hogg 64 Randwick Barracks development
Hogg 65 Rifle ranges
Hogg 66 Disposal of the RAAF Stores Depot in Dubbo
Hogg 67 Killarney Glen
Hogg 68 Lease negotiations for Defence land and Marrangaroo
Hogg 69 Minister's new office in Russell

Attachments:

R1, level 6, zone B—existing floor plan

R1, level 6, zone B—option one

R1, level 6, zone B—option two

VIP reception, option one—R2, ground floor, Officers mess

VIP reception, option two—R1 ground floor, entry

VIP reception, option three—R1, level 6, zone B

VIP reception, option four—R1, level 5, zone D.

Hogg 70 Jumbun Medical Centre contract
Hogg 71 'Defence and GST' conference
Hogg 72 Access to gym facilities by the United Firefighters Union at
HMAS Cerberus

DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Murphy 1 Defence housing requirements in Darwin for 1999–2000
to 2003–2004
Murphy 2 Number of vacant houses in Darwin at the time of a letter
received from Mr Brian Bell
Murphy 3 Explanation of shortfall in Defence housing requirements
Murphy 4 DHA's response to a letter from Mr Bell

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Outcome 1

Schacht	3	Number of civilian nurses employed in Vietnam
Schacht	4	Number of people employed by the Department of External Affairs in Thailand
Schacht	10	GST expenditure in 1999–2000 and in 2000–2001
Schacht	12	GST and aged person's savings bonus letter
Schacht	13	GST implementation letters
		Attachments: <i>Letter: Aged persons saving bonus</i> <i>Form: Claim for the aged persons savings bonus</i> <i>Information sheet about the aged persons savings bonus</i>
Harradine	19	Recognition of veterans who served in South-East Asia between 1955–1975
Harradine	20	Eligibility of casualties to be added to the Roll of Honour

Outcome 2

Schacht	2	Vietnam Veterans' Health Study recommendations
Schacht	5	Initiatives to supplement rural services: an issue arising out of ANAO Report
Schacht	9	Outcome of talks with DHAC regarding the death of the veteran in Alchera Nursing Home
Schacht	18	Home Care proposal savings
Schacht	21	Tendering and nursing home services: appointment of community nursing providers; referral arrangements; exceptions to the process; contract of independent advisers; providers ceasing operation; Fahey's Nursing Agency; allocation of nursing homes consistent with departmental guidelines; possible conflict of interest.

Output group 6

Schacht	1	Budget total appropriation compared with last year
		Attachments: <i>Revised Table 1: Comparison of 99/00 and 00/01 appropriations</i> <i>Table 1: Comparison of 99/00 and 00/01 appropriations</i>
Schacht	6	Numbers and categories of people being recruited to DVA
Schacht	7	Breakdown of redundancies by state
Schacht	8	Numbers of contract staff by state and by program and the contract lengths
		Attachment: <i>Number of contracted staff and length of contract</i>

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Output group 6 (continued)

Schacht	11	DVA GST letter to providers of services Attachments: <i>Letter to service providers from Chairperson, GST Implementation Steering Committee, Department of Veterans' Affairs</i> <i>Information sheet for health providers</i> <i>Information for MCRS suppliers</i> <i>GST and DVA grants programs</i>
Schacht	14	Initial answer: response to the GST and aged persons' savings bonus letter
Schacht	14a	Supplementary answer: response to the GST and aged persons' savings bonus letter
Schacht	15	Access to DVA database
Schacht	16	Size of consultant companies
Schacht	17	Computer services outages

Volumes of additional information relating to 2000–2001 estimates

Budget estimates

Additional information, volume 1, August 2000 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Defence Outputs 1–22, across Groups 1–14. The volume also contains answers relating to the Defence Housing Authority, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs Outcomes 1–4.

Additional information, volume 2, August 2000 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Foreign Affairs and Trade Outcomes 1 and 3, The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

The following answers to questions on notice are available on the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade website (www.aph.gov.au/senate_fadt):

- Additional estimates 1999—2000: 9 and 10 February 2000
- Additional supplementary estimates 1999—2000: 3 May 2000
- Budget estimates 2000—2001: 29, 30 and 31 May 2000

Note: Departments sometimes provide thick reports, large maps and bulky documents as attachments to answers to questions on notice. Large attachments are not incorporated into volumes of additional information in order to conserve paper and electronic storage space. However, the title page, ISBN/ISSN (if provided) and table of contents of each document are included with the relevant answer. If you wish to examine a particular document, please contact the estimates officer in the secretariat.