

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.114)

Senator Anthony Chisholm asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 18 October 2021:

Should submarines be leased from the US or UK, will that change the current chain of command in the Collins Class Submarine?

The Department of Defence has provided the following answer to the Senator's question:

Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States will work collaboratively over the next 18 months to determine the optimal pathway to deliver a nuclear-powered submarine capability for Australia. Should a leasing arrangement be explored, the chain of command issue would be considered at that stage.