

Defence Portfolio

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.64)

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

In responding to the AUKUS announcement, Labor Leader Anthony Albanese suggested a bipartisan process be formed (and wrote to the Prime Minister reiterating this suggestion), noting that these submarines will be a multi-decade undertaking and our proximity to an election. Has Defence provided the Government on establishing a non-political, bipartisan process? Has the Government requested any such advice?

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

The Prime Minister replied to Mr Albanese's letter on 8 October 2021.