



**THE SENATE
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**Inquiry into the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and
regional communities**

Public Hearing – Tuesday, 21 November 2017

Question Taken on Notice

Regional Development Australia (Hume)

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Senator McKENZIE: How many businesses, say, in the last 12 months have you supported through defence work?

Ms Smith: I couldn't answer that directly.

Senator McKENZIE: Could you take that on notice?

Ms Smith: I'll take that on notice, yes.

In the past twelve months Regional Development Victoria has assisted one business in the Hume region.

Regional Development Victoria facilitated a grant application with one business to improve their capability in support of Defence related product produced for a third party.

In addition Regional Development Victoria has engaged with two organisations to support their efforts to build capability / capacity in order to assist the region's defence sector.