

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.3)

Senator Marielle Smith asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 17 November 2021:

Senator Marielle Smith: The job guarantee under the SSTEP. Does that extend to apprentices, trainees and ancillary staff as well?

Tony Fraser: Yes, it does, including part time as well as full time.

Senator Marielle Smith: Okay. And how many any apprentices' do you think will be impacted by the decision to cancel the Naval contract?

Tony Fraser: So if I can take that on notice to provide you the best information.

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

ASC has identified 21 apprentices and trainees who are affected by the decision to no longer proceed with the Attack class submarine program.

All 21 of these individuals are eligible to participate in the Sovereign Shipbuilding Talent Pool.