



**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**

**Ms Debbie Lane**

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**Senator McKENZIE:** Victoria's got a great tradition of defence manufacturing and small businesses throughout regional Victoria in that supply chain. It also has a ministry role in its state government irrespective of which team is in government. Does the New South Wales government have a similar role in its ministerial team, someone responsible for defence?

**Ms Lane:** We have a defence advocate, John Harvey. He is the New South Wales Defence Advocate. We also have—

**Senator McKENZIE:** So no-one has ministerial—

**Ms Lane:** I'm not really sure.

**Senator McKENZIE:** Could you, on notice, check for us, please?

**Ms Lane:** Yes. We do have Defence New South Wales, which has recently been set up, and that sits within the Department of Industry, where we formerly were. They have a team of about five or six. I think that has come out of our strategy which was released earlier this year and pointed to the fact that we would need to set something like that up.

**Answer**

In the NSW Government the Defence portfolio sits under Minister Niall Blair – Minister for Trade and Industry