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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Defence Sub-Committee

Chair: Senator David Fawcett
Deputy: Senator Deborah O'Neill

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World class Canberra company highlights defence industry export lessons

Export lessons learned from a highly successful Canberra based radar designer and manufacturer will be examined at a public hearing at Parliament House on Tuesday, 28 October 2014.

The Defence Sub-Committee of the federal parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will hear from CEA Technologies Pty Ltd on their export experiences and future opportunities. CEA is the indigenous source of the outstanding radar system used in the world class Anti-Ship Missile Defence (ASMD) system being installed on Australia's ANZAC Class Frigates as an upgrade project.

The effectiveness of the ASMD is garnering significant international attention due to the excellent performance of the system against high threat targets. CEA's appearance at the hearing will provide an opportunity for the Sub-Committee to examine options to better support companies such as CEA in their export endeavours.

Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator David Fawcett (SA), said the inquiry provides an excellent opportunity to identify ways for Government to better support innovative Australian companies such as CEA.

"CEA has shown the excellence that can be achieved by Australian companies and it is encouraging that there is growing international interest in CEA's technology. An important aspect that must be remembered however, is protection of CEA's intellectual property and I am keen to explore this further." Senator Fawcett said.

The inquiry's terms of reference include identifying barriers and impediments to the growth of Australia's defence exports; how Government can better engage and assist Australian defence industry to export its products; the operation of the Defence Export Control Office; and assessment of the export support given to defence industry by governments of comparable nations.

Public hearing

Date/Time: Tuesday, 28 October 2014, 5.40 pm

Location: Parliament House Committee Room 1R1

Organisations: CEA Technologies Pty Ltd

The hearing will be audio broadcast live at www.aph.gov.au/live.

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