

Economics

Parliamentary inquiry – Australia's Sovereign Naval Shipbuilding Capability

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Australian Owned Companies Listed in Joint Media Release - 13 February

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Senator/Member: Kimberley Kitching

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Question:

CHAIR: In the media, the joint statement on 13 February with the 137 Australian companies listed at the back—I don't need it now, but could you take on notice which of those companies are Australian owned and operated; how many of those 137 companies are suppliers of defence equipment; how many of those 137 companies listed are engineering or technical services firms; and what the contribution is that, for example, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Eye Candy Animation, Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Seek Limited, Toga Hotel Management and Wilson Security make to the design and build of the future subs?

Senator PATRICK: Chair, you'll be pleased to know that I've done the calculations based on the 137. It's about four per cent military equipment; engineering 20 per cent.

CHAIR: It's colour-coded!

Senator PATRICK: I'm sure Defence will come up with a more accurate answer, but it appears to be about those sorts of numbers. We'll wait for Defence's answers.

CHAIR: I remind witnesses that questions on notice should be sent to the secretariat by close of business Friday 6 March 2020. That concludes today's hearing. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all of those who have made submissions and sent representatives here today for their cooperation in this inquiry.

Answer:

1. Which of those companies are Australian owned and operated?

All 137 companies listed have an Australian Business Number and a physical Australian presence.

2. How many of those 137 companies are suppliers of defence equipment?

At least 63 have previously supplied Defence with products or services.

3. How many of the companies listed are engineering or technical services firms?

46 of the suppliers have an engineering or technical capability.

4. What is the contribution that [the other companies], for example Carlson, Wagonlit travel, Eye Candy Animation, the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Seek Ltd, Toga Hotel Management and Wilson Security make to the design and build of the future subs?

Ancillary services will play an essential role in supporting all work that will need to be undertaken in this country to deliver our future maritime capabilities. These services are required to support the design and build of the Future Submarines noting travel, accommodation and conference facilities, recruitment, promotion, security, and many other such services are necessary. These services not only support the Australian economy, services sector and local jobs, they support the establishment of capability in Australia to achieve the objectives of the Program.