



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

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

Chair: Senator David Fawcett
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Review of the Defence Annual Report 2014-15

The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade has commenced a review of the Department of Defence Annual Report 2014-15.

Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator David Fawcett (SA), said the review of the Defence Annual Report is part of the important oversight role performed by the Committee.

"It provides an opportunity for Members and Senators to examine the performance of Defence in achieving the Defence Outcomes agreed by Government, by taking evidence from the Department, industry stakeholders and the public," Senator Fawcett said.

For this review, the Defence Sub-Committee has resolved to investigate a range of matters raised in the Defence Annual Report 2014-15, including:

- Status of ADF operations
- The 2016 White Paper, Force Structure Review and Defence Industry Policy Statement
- First Principles Review – Progress of implementation
- Coles Report – Progress of the implementation of recommendations
- Capability Development and Major Projects, including:
 - Future Submarine Program – SEA 1000 Phase 1A
 - Land Combat Vehicle System – LAND 400 Phase 2
- Defence Cooperation Program
- Estate Management and Infrastructure:
 - Base support contracting
 - Disposal planning
- Personnel matters:
 - Project Suakin – Reserve and flexible employment policy
 - Cultural reform and the Pathway to Change

The Sub-Committee is keen to hear from organisations and individuals who may wish to provide a submission on the Defence Annual Report 2014-15 and, specifically, the topics identified. The Sub-Committee will receive written submissions until Monday, 29 February 2016.

Further details about the inquiry, including how to contribute, can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jfadt or by contacting the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 2313 or emailing jscfadt@aph.gov.au.

The Defence Annual Report 2014-15 is available online at:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/AnnualReports/14-15/>

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