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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade *Chair: Senator David Fawcett*
Defence Sub-Committee

Achieving value for money in Australia's defence industry

Assisting government to meet outcomes, particularly with regard to expenditure, financial management and the operations of the government, are key roles for the Department of Finance.

The department will give evidence at a public hearing tomorrow of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Evidence from the Department of Finance will allow the sub-committee to study Defence procurement and, in particular, the Commonwealth procurement guidelines and value for money considerations as applicable to Defence, along with how they may relate to Australia's Defence industry exports.

Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator David Fawcett (SA), said, "While achieving value for money is a core principle of our procurement rules, the Defence Sub-Committee is interested in how value is determined, and over what time frame. Should lower costs for through-life support or other factors over time, such as second order benefits be weighed against the initial procurement cost? For example, are spillover benefits taken into account when giving advice to Government regarding Defence procurements or capability development?"

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.

The inquiry's terms of reference are available on the Committee's [website](#).

Public hearing

Time/Date: 5:40 pm, Tuesday, 3 March 2015
Location: Parliament House Committee Room 1R1
Organisation: Department of Finance

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

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