

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Parliamentary inquiry – Inquiry into the Impact of Defence Activities and Training Areas on Rural and Regional Communities

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: SSCFADT – Questions in advance of public hearing on Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities – 1.9 - The Committee

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Senator: Alex Gallacher

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 19 March 2018

Question:

When announcing the pilot, the Minister also noted that the pilot projects would inform the development of the Defence Industry Participation Policy to be released in the first half of 2018.

- Please update the committee about the progress of this Policy.

Answer:

Defence has commenced engagement with stakeholders, including Commonwealth departments and agencies, industry and states and territories. Defence will consult a diverse range of industry stakeholders, including small business and peak industry bodies.

The Defence Policy for Industry Participation is under development and is expected to be released in the first quarter of 2019.