

Defence Portfolio

**COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION**

(Question No. 142)

Senator the Hon Kim Carr asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 22 October 2021:

Did any Australian official or Government representative discuss with the French Government or Naval the option of sourcing French nuclear-powered submarines instead of the contracted Attack-class submarine?

The Department of Defence has provided the following answer to the Honourable Senator's question:

The Government discusses a range of important national security matters with international partners.