

## Defence Portfolio

# COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.1)

Senator Louise Pratt asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 17 November 2021:

Senator Louise Pratt: Question on notice 102, Senator Chisholm asked if our strategic circumstances have changed so dramatically in the last few years, what platform changes were required in the 26IIP or the 2017 naval shipbuilding plans. Defence responded at the time that Navy's platforms continually evolve in response to changing strategic circumstances. So, if you now can please outline what has evolved and where is that reflected? Where is the update? Will those evolving circumstances be in the IIP or the NSP?

Michael Noonan: Change to the situation 2016 - 2020 detail contain in the DSU.

Tony Fraser: I will take that on notice QoN when the shipbuilding plan will be released.

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

The timing of any update to the *2017 Naval Shipbuilding Plan* is a matter for the Government.