

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.90)

Senator Anthony Chisholm asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 18 October 2021:

How many workers in Australia were employed on the project?

How many workers in France were employed on the project?

How many workers from Australia were seconded to France?

How many contractors are working in the Future Submarine Program?

What is the total APS workforce working on the Future Submarine Program?

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

In Australia there are 699 employees in Naval Group, Lockheed Martin Australia, and the Department of Defence.

In France there are 725 employees in Naval Group, Lockheed Martin Australia, and the Department of Defence.

There were 79 workers seconded to France from Naval Group Australia, Lockheed Martin Australia, and the Department of Defence when the Government announcement was made.

There were 1317 contractors working for the Department of Defence, Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia.

There are 93 APS staff assigned to the Attack class submarine program.

Steps are underway to provide the affected Australian industry workforce with continuing opportunities to work within the submarine enterprise, including in the Collins class submarine program and the Nuclear-Powered Submarine Task Force, taking into account individual skills, experience, specialisation and preferences. A number will continue to support closure of the Attack class submarine program, including transitioning out of the contractual arrangements with Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia.