

Defence Portfolio

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No. 4)

Senator Marielle Smith asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 17 November 2021:

Marielle Smith: Okay. And does Defence have an estimate of workers for subcontractors who would be impacted?

Tony Fraser: Senator, we're still working on that with Naval Group and Lockheed Martin and as you would understand there's a lot of layers. What we put in place as the impact on the small and medium enterprises to make sure they also have the opportunity to reach out to us, those who were skilling up for the Attack-class program.

Marielle Smith: Sure, but do you have an estimate of those subcontractors because there's potentially a significant pool of workers that will be affected in addition to this 1,100. Do you have an estimate or ballpark figure?

Tony Fraser: I don't today. The officers best placed to answer will take that on notice to provide that information to you.

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

Not at this point.