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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia's defence industry

Issue date: 21 June 2023

Call for submissions

The Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee is calling for submissions to its [inquiry](#) into the performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia's defence industry by 14 July 2023.

Submissions can be lodged [online](#), emailed to the secretariat at fadt.sen@aph.gov.au, or mailed to PO Box 6100, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Terms of reference

Pursuant to Standing Order 25(2)(a)(v), the committee has resolved to inquire into the performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia's defence industry, with particular reference to the department's:

- a) support to Australia's defence industry in meeting the current and future needs of the Australian Defence Force;
- b) role providing and supporting opportunities for adjacent industries to contribute to the sustainability and viability of Australia's defence industrial capability;
- c) work to address the reliance of Australia's defence industry on inputs, be they tangible or intangible, from abroad and key capabilities that could form the basis of targeted exports;
- d) assessment and response to the risks that interruptions to supply chains may present to the ready access to such inputs and the benefits of producing defence industry outputs in Australia;
- e) role in enhancing Australia's defence industrial base by pursuing greater advanced scientific, technological and industrial cooperation through AUKUS and other defence partnerships;
- f) design and implementation of programmes and initiatives that seek to improve the Australian defence industry's capability and capacity; and
- g) any other related matters.

Further information

It is important to note that submissions are accepted and made public only after a decision by the committee. The committee is not obliged to accept every document it receives as a submission.

To assist your document being received and accepted as a submission to the inquiry, we recommend your comments stay focussed on the terms of reference of the inquiry. Further guidance on making a submission can be found [here](#), as well as in this [plain English guide](#).

Contact the secretariat for more information or if you have any questions.

DATE REFERRED

21 June 2023

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

14 July 2023

REPORTING DATE

Final sitting day of March 2024

HEARING DATES

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