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Mr Graham Perrett MP  
Chair  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint)  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Mr Perrett

**ANAO submission for inquiry into Department of Defence – Facilities to support Advanced Growler Phase 6**

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) presented the following report to the Parliament that you may find relevant to the above inquiry:

- Auditor-General Report No. 14 of 2023–24, [2022–23 Major Projects Report](#)

The annual Major Projects Report (MPR) contains Department of Defence (Defence) information and commentary on a selection of its major projects, and assurance and analysis of that information by the ANAO.

The 2022-23 MPR included 20 projects, one of which was AIR 5349 Phase 6 (Advanced Growler – Airborne Electronic Attack Upgrade). Information on the project is found in the following sections of the MPR.

- Defence’s Project Data Summary Sheet (PDSS) at pages 251 to 258. The PDSS reports on the project up to 30 June 2023, in accordance with guidelines endorsed by the Parliament’s Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA).
- The Statement by the Secretary of Defence at pages 125 to 128. The statement reports on significant events in the project occurring after 30 June 2023.

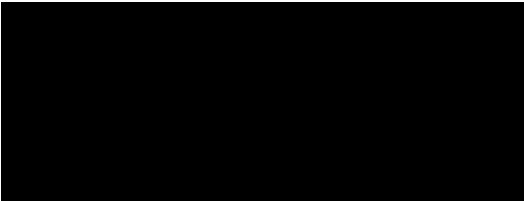
As discussed in paragraphs 15 to 25 of the MPR, Defence has decided that some project information is not for publication in its PDSS documents. Table 3 of the MPR, at pages 8 to 11, summarises the affected information, including for AIR 5349 Phase 6.

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Should the Committee require further information, my office would be pleased to provide you with a briefing at a time convenient to you or appear as a witness at a hearing. To arrange a briefing, please contact our External Relations team at [external.relations@anao.gov.au](mailto:external.relations@anao.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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