

## COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.2)

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

Senator Louise Pratt: At the October hearings, we discussed the sovereign building talent pool to assist the workers that would be affected by the Attack-class cancellation. It was only open to Australian nationals and the eligibility of was mainly for Naval Group and Lockheed Martin direct employees. There were at the time some 286 applications. Has this increased; and, if so, by how much?

Tony Fraser: Senator, that's 288 now, 281, I believe, from Naval Group and the seven from Lockheed Martin Australia.

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Senator Louise Pratt: Can I ask how many applications of those 288 were rejected? Are they still all on the books?

Tony Fraser: Senator, I'll take that on notice, but if I indicate to you, I'm not aware of any being rejected.

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

All 288 completed applications ASC received from Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia employees were assessed as meeting the eligibility criteria to participate in the Sovereign Shipbuilding Talent Pool.