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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Defence Sub-Committee

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Chair: Senator David Fawcett
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Review of the Defence Annual Report 2013-14

The Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will examine the Department of Defence Annual Report 2013-14.

Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator David Fawcett (SA), said the review of the Defence Annual Report 2013-14 is part of the important oversight role played by Committees of the Parliament.

"It provides an opportunity for Members and Senators to examine the performance of Defence in achieving the Defence Outcomes agreed by Government, by taking evidence from the Department, industry stakeholders and the public," Senator Fawcett said.

For this review, the Defence Sub-Committee has resolved to investigate a range of matters raised in the Defence Annual Report 2013-14 including:

- Personnel matters
 - Critical categories of employment
 - Recruiting and employment of women
 - Cultural reform and the Pathway to Change
 - Reserve policy
 - Project Suakin
- Military Justice
- First Principles Review
- The 2015 White Paper and Force Structure Review
- Capability Development and Major Projects, such as LAND 400
- Follow-up items from previous review of the DAR 2012-13:
 - Implementation of Coles Report recommendations
 - Review of recommendations from previous Review of DAR 2012-13, including transparency of reporting

The Sub-Committee is keen to hear from organisations and individuals who wish to provide a submission on the Defence Annual Report 2013-14 and, specifically, the topics identified. The Sub-Committee will receive written submissions until Monday, 9 February 2015.

Further details about the inquiry, including how to contribute, can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jfadt or by contacting the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 2313 or emailing jscfadt@aph.gov.au.

The Defence Annual Report 2013-14 is available online at:
<http://www.defence.gov.au/annualreports/13-14/>

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