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Committee Secretary

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Chair,

BAE SYSTEMS AUSTRALIA RESPONSE TO JCPAA HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE ON SPECULATED CYBER HACK

During my appearance at the public hearing for the *Defence Major Projects Report 2020-21 and 2021-22 and Procurement of Hunter Class Frigates* inquiry on 8th September, you asked:

- I. *"Has BAE been hacked in recent weeks?"*
- II. *"Have plans for the SEA 5000 Hunter Class been compromised in any way due to the cybersecurity hacks?"*

I took these questions on notice. I committed to providing a swift response to the Committee.

I can confirm that BAE Systems Australia has not been hacked in recent weeks. We have not experienced a cybersecurity breach.

I can confirm that no plans or data related to the SEA 5000 Hunter Class program have been compromised due to a cybersecurity hack or breach.

BAE Systems Australia works closely with authorities including the Australian Cyber Security Centre and our industry partners to mitigate against cyber-attacks. We are Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) accredited and our cyber security controls are routinely audited as part of this accreditation.

Yours sincerely,



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