

Defence Portfolio

## COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No. 2)

Senator Anthony Chisholm asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 06 August 2021:

**CHAIR:** I have some questions and then I'll hand back to you, Senator Patrick. I just want to follow up on some of the questioning that Senator Patrick had around the Future Frigate program. I've seen those media reports as well. Has the minister agreed to the 18-month delay to the program?

**Mr Dalton:** The government has considered that delay, yes.

**CHAIR:** Has the minister agreed to that delay?

**Mr Dalton:** My response stands that the government has considered and agreed to that delay.

**CHAIR:** Okay. When did that take place?

**Mr Dalton:** That advice was presented to government in June.

**CHAIR:** Can you give me a more specific date as to when the government agreed?

**Mr Dalton:** I think I would have to take that on notice.

**CHAIR:** Okay. But it was in June sometime?

**Mr Dalton:** Correct.

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

8 June 2021.