

## **Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit**

Defence Sustainment Expenditure – 31 March 2017

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Department of Defence

**Topic:** Supplementary - Comparative Analysis of Sustainment Reporting in Other Jurisdictions

**Question reference number:** 3

**Senator:** The Committee

**Type of question:** provided in writing

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#### **Question:**

The Committee requests a more detailed response outlining the relative merits of sustainment reporting regimes in operations in other jurisdictions including the United Kingdom and Canada.

#### **Answer:**

Defence has not undertaken detailed comparative analysis of sustainment reporting in other jurisdictions in recent years.

After an initial assessment of the two nominated reports from the United Kingdom and Canada, it appears these reports are the equivalent of the Defence Annual Report. Each report provides a financial summary of performance to Government, and demonstrates each Department's commitment to accountability and transparency of its activities. All three reports provide details on key sustainment activities in support of capability.

Moving forward, Defence will draw on the experiences of other jurisdictions as it continues to move to a Program representation under the single end-to-end Capability Life Cycle introduced as a result of the First Principles Review.