

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.71)

Senator Anthony Chisholm asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 18 October 2021:

- Q1. How many Navy and Department of Defence personnel are in France? (And where in France?)
- Q2. How many Australians in France were working with French Defence and how many with Naval, how many there now?
- Q3. Is the Department of Defence working to repatriate those personnel?
- Q4. How many Australian contractors are located in France?
- Q5. When did the last person leave Australia to go and work in France?

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

- Q1. There are 34 Department of Defence personnel in Cherbourg.
- Q2. There remain 46 Australians in France working with Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia.
- Q3. Defence is working with APS and Navy personnel to repatriate them to Australia. The return of personnel working with Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia is being managed under arrangements to transition out of the prime contracts with each company.
- Q4. There are 49 Australian contractors in France working for the Department of Defence, Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia.
- Q5. One APS member arrived in Cherbourg on 4 October 2021 to support closure of the resident project office.