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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE OFFICIAL OVERVIEW: THE PARLIAMENTARY
JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY'S ADMINISTRATION
AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW NO. 21 (2021-2022)**

1. As the Chief of Defence Intelligence, I am the head of the Defence Intelligence Group (DIG) and the Director of the Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO). I also have responsibility for the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation (AGO), which sits within the DIG.

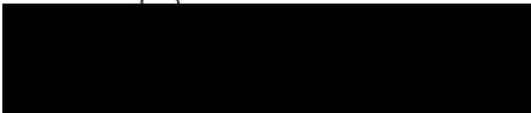
2. AGO is the Government's lead organisation for the provision of geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) in support of Defence and national security requirements. Over the 2021-2022 reporting period, AGO produced GEOINT in support of the national security priorities of the Government and the Australian Defence Force (ADF). AGO's GEOINT continued to underpin informed decision-making, and was an important enabler for increasingly sophisticated ADF operating systems and platforms.

3. DIO is Defence's all-source intelligence assessment agency. It provides well-judged, clear and timely insights into defence and security-related matters that may affect Australia's national interests. DIO's assessments help enable ministers, policy advisers, capability managers and military commanders to make informed decisions.

4. Over the 2021-22 reporting period, DIO produced intelligence assessments on key international developments relating to Australia's defence and national security. These assessments played a critical role in supporting:

- a. the planning and conduct of ADF operations;
- b. Defence policy;
- c. Defence capability development and sustainment; and
- d. Government planning and decision-making.

5. Over 2021-22, Defence continued to support the National Intelligence Community framework. This was through close integration on national priorities, as well as through close partnership with the enterprise lead, the Office of National Intelligence.


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