

## **Senate Economics References Committee**

Inquiry into Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability –  
07 September 2020

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

Department of Defence

**Topic:** SERC – Q18 – 07 September 2020 – Australian Defence Industry contributions by the Royal Agriculture and Horticultural Society of South Australia – Gallacher

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**Senator/Member:** Alex Gallacher

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#### **Question:**

Earlier this year Defence and Naval Group issued a joint statement containing a list of 137 sub-contractors for the Future Submarine program. This list included just six defence equipment suppliers and 28 engineering or technical firms, whilst only about 50 are Australian-owned and operated.

To pick one example from that list – what contribution to Australian defence industry or sovereign capability is being made by the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australia?

a. Could Defence please provide the Committee with a list of only those sub-contractors providing equipment or technical services for the design and build of the Future Submarines?

#### **Answer:**

Sovereign industry is a subset of a broader Australian industry capability that extends to a range of Australian businesses and services. These services support the delivery of capability while providing benefits to local economies and growing Australian jobs.

Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of Australia Incorporated (Science Alive) is an educational science fair. Naval Group participated in the educational science fair to attract recruitment and facilitate engagement with Australian educational and science institutions.

The 137 listed companies were those that had, at some time since the Commonwealth signed contracts with Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia in 2016, provided a service or equipment related to the Future Submarine Program to either prime contractor. Of these 137, 37 sub-contractors provided or will provide equipment or technical services for the design and build of the Future Submarines:

- 3D at Depth
- Acacia Research
- Airspeed Pty Ltd
- AMC Search Limited
- BlueZone Group
- Curtin University
- Datacom Systems SA Pty Ltd
- elmTEK Pty Ltd
- Flinders University
- IDS Australia Pty Ltd
- Innovations for Humanity Pty Ltd
- IPACS Australia
- L3 Oceania
- Lucid Consulting Engineers (SA) Pty Ltd
- Metromatics
- MFB Products
- MK Symes
- Phasor Innovations
- Saab Australia
- Safran Defense & Electronics Australia
- Sentient Visions Systems
- Thales Australia
- Thomas Global Systems
- University of Adelaide
- University of Melbourne
- University of South Australia
- Adelaide Inspection Services Pty Ltd
- Approval Specialists Pty Ltd t/as Austest Laboratories
- Bisalloy Steels
- Bluescope Steel (AIS) Pty Ltd
- CMW BVA Valves Pty Ltd
- Datacom Data Centres Pty Ltd
- HRL Technology Group Pty Ltd
- Issartel - H.I. Fraser Pty Ltd
- Overall Forge Pty Ltd
- Powerflo Solutions Pty Ltd
- TriCab Australia Pty Ltd

These 37 sub-contracts comprise over half of the value of the 137 sub-contracts, all of which will be spent in Australia.