

## **COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION**

(Question No.1)

Senator Paul Scarr asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 08 December 2021:

Could I ask you to take on notice whether or not a high-voltage electrical testing facility is required, or is preferable to have, within Australia in order to support defence capability. I'll provide you the context. Concerns have been raised by the Australian Industry Group and Engineers Australia with respect to the pending closure of the only testing facility of that nature in Australia. I'm interested to know if that could perhaps have any impact on our sovereign defence capability, so if you could take that on notice that would be greatly appreciated.

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

Defence has not identified high voltage electrical testing facilities as a critical industrial capability.