



Public hearing to review Defence major equipment procurement and evaluation

Parliament's Joint Public Accounts Committee will today examine acquisition and evaluation of Defence major equipment.

The Committee will hear from representatives of the ANAO and the Department of Defence examining ANAO reports:

- No. 52 of 2014-15, *Australian Defence Force's Medium and Heavy Vehicle Fleet Replacement (Land 121 Phase 3B)*; and
- No. 9 of 2015-16, *Test and Evaluation of Major Defence Equipment Acquisitions*.

"The review of another large Defence acquisition project, in parallel with the expected review of the Defence Major Projects Report, will further strengthen accountability of a Commonwealth department with a budget of \$31.9 billion in 2015-16", Committee Chair, the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP said.

"In this case, the ANAO's conclusion that Defence's initial tender process to acquire a replacement medium and heavy vehicle fleet worth \$3.4 billion was flawed and contributed to long delays in its acquisition means that this report is certainly worth reviewing".

Public hearing date: Thursday, 3 March 2016

Venue: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

Program: 10.45am-12.00pm—Australian National Audit Office and Department of Defence

Interested persons and organisations are invited to make submissions to the Committee's inquiries. Further information about the Committee's inquiries, including details on how to lodge a submission, are available on the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jcpaa.

For media comment: please contact Heather Robinson in the Deputy Chair's office on 0405 383 982

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