

## **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

**Impact of Defence Training Activities and Facilities on Rural and Regional  
Communities – 23 August 2017**

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

**Department of Defence**

**Topic:** Exemption of Defence land from Native Title

**Question reference number:** 1

**Senator:** Kitching

**Type of question:** provided in writing

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 22 September 2017

#### **Question:**

Is any Defence land across Australia exempt from Native Title?

#### **Answer:**

No. There is no blanket exemption for Department of Defence land from Native Title. However, for many properties, the Native Title rights over Defence land have been extinguished by other activities. Examples of these activities include the construction of public works and the grant of particular tenure types including freehold tenure.