Defence Portfolio

INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No. 6)

Senator David Pocock asked the Department of Defence the following question, upon notice, on 17 May 2024:

Given Microsoft pulled out of delivering the secret cloud component of the 1DD project for commercial reasons, how has Defence's risk appetite changed for using multinational tech companies like Microsoft for major projects?

Defence provides the following answer:

Defence's risk appetite has not changed in response to this event. Defence continues to assess procurements in line with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.