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The Speaker's schedule lists annual reports from agencies within the Defence and Foreign Affairs portfolios as being available for review by the Committee.²

On 3 February 2011 the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade authorised the Defence Sub-Committee to review the Department of Defence Annual Report 2009-2010.

1 See *Resolution of Appointment* <<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/resoltn.htm>> viewed on 25 October 2011.

2 Speaker's Schedule: Allocation to Committees of Annual Reports of Departments, Agencies, Authorities and Companies.



List of abbreviations

AEW&C	Airborne Early Warning and Control
ADF	Australian Defence Force
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANEF	Australian Noise Exposure Forecast
ARH	Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter
AWD	Air Warfare Destroyers
CDF	Chief of the Defence Force
CDG	Capability Development Group
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CT	Counterterrorism
CTOL	Conventional take-off and landing
DDG 51	US Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyers
DCP	Defence Capability Plan
DMO	Defence Materiel Organisation
DSTO	Defence Science and Technology Organisation

EADS	European Aeronautic Defence and Space
EMD	Engineering, manufacturing and development
FCA	Federal Court of Australia
FFG	Guided Missile Frigates
FMA Act	<i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
FOC	Final Operational Capability
GAO	US Government Accounting Office
HF	High Frequency
HMAS	Her Majesty's Australian Ships
IED	Improvised explosive devices
IOC	Initial Operational Capability
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force
ISF	International Stabilisation Force
JLTV	Joint Light Tactical Vehicle
JSF	Joint Strike Fighter
L-3	L-3 Communications MAS Inc
LARS	Launch and Recovery System
LHD	Landing helicopter deck
MOT	Military-Off-The-Shelf
MRH	Multi Role Helicopter
MSA	Manufactured and supported in Australia
NACC	New Air Combat Capability
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NFH	Nato Frigate Helicopter

NZDF	New Zealand Defence Force
PBS	Portfolio Budget Statement
PER	Public Environment Report
PMV-L	Protected Mobility Vehicles - light
PS Act	<i>Public Service Act 1999</i>
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
SAS	Special Air Service
SES	Senior Executive Service
SETF	Submarine Escape Training Facility
TUCF	The Underwater Centre Fremantle
UN	United Nations
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council resolution
US	United States
USAF	United States Air Force
USN	United States Navy



List of recommendations

1 Introduction

Recommendation 1

The Department of Defence review its practices and procedures to ensure that answers to the Committee's questions on notice are provided in a more timely manner.

