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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade *SubComm Chair: Senator Mark Furner*  
Defence Sub Committee

**MEDIA ALERT**

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## **Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-12** ***Public Hearing on Thursday 16 May***

Parliamentary oversight of the Australian Defence Organisation and the development of the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) will be examined by the Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade at a public hearing in Canberra on Thursday 16 May.

Sub-Committee Chair Senator Mark Furner said the ongoing inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2011-2012 provides an important opportunity to examine Defence's achievements and explore specific issues.

The Sub-Committee will hear from Mr James Brown of the Lowy Institute about the adequacy of Defence's reporting on its performance through the Annual Report, and the capacity of the Parliament to adequately oversight Defence. The Sub-Committee will also receive an update from senior defence officials about the status of the JSF project.

The public hearing will be held from **11.15am to 12.30pm** in **Committee Room 2R1 at Parliament House, Canberra**, on **Thursday 16 May**.

The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

Further information on the hearings, including a Full Program and transcripts of previous hearings are available on the Committee's inquiry website at: [www.aph.gov.au/jfadt](http://www.aph.gov.au/jfadt)

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