



## **Submission No 2**

### **Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011 - 2012**

**Organisation:** Department of Defence

**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – COMMITTEES**

**Review of 2011-2012 Defence Annual Report (DAR) – Friday 15 March 2013**

**Q1: Operational Supplementation Funding**

**Senator Fawcett asked on Friday, 15 March 2013 on Hansard page 5.**

In terms of the infrastructure that supports that training, how much of that comes out of or has been attributed to operational supplementation?

**Response:**

Defence does not use operational funding for capital works such as new facilities and infrastructure in Australia. Defence has on occasions used minor supplementation to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of some existing training infrastructure located at selected training areas in Australia that are predominantly used as part of preparation for deployments.

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**Review of 2011-2012 Defence Annual Report – 15 March 2013**

**Q4: Operations Budget**

**Senator Fawcett asked on 15 March 2013, Hansard page 7.**

Have you gone to industry and asked them for their options for a business case to provide a more cost-effective way of doing Operation RESOLUTE?

**Response:**

Defence has not requested options from industry for a business case to provide a more cost effective way of doing Operation RESOLUTE.

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**Defence Sub-Committee**

**Review of 2011-12 Defence Annual Report (DAR) - 15 March 2013**

**Q10: ADF Budget - Natural Disaster Support**

**Senator Furner asked on Friday 15 March 2013, Hansard page 28.**

I might say it was excellent support that the ADF provided in natural disasters to Queensland, my home state and Senator Macdonald's, and New South Wales during that period. However, there is no way that I am aware of to determine the figure for engagement and assistance that is given on page 127 of the Annual Report in program 3.1. I am wondering if you have that at your fingertips.

**Response:**

In 2011-12 under Program 3.1 "Defence Contribution to National Support Tasks", Defence absorbed net additional costs totalling \$1.157 million for natural disaster support.

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**Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-2012 Hearing – 15 March 2013**

**Q15: Operation ANODE (Solomon Islands) Budget.**

**Senator Furner asked on Friday 15 March 2013, Hansard page 33.**

Also in the Annual Report, in terms of the operations in Solomon Islands, there was \$5 million less than that was budgeted. Can you provide the reasons why that figure became apparent as a result of that operation?

**Response:**

The 2011-12 Budget provided \$43.5 million for the continuation of Operation ANODE (Solomon Islands).

Actual expenditure for Operation ANODE (Solomon Islands) was \$5.0 million less than budget due to lower than estimated costs for the use of reservists on continuous full time service, lower than anticipated logistics support requirements, lower than planned strategic lift costs, and lower than planned costs for sustainment and remediation of equipment.

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**Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-2012 – 15 March 2013**

**Q19: ADF Facilities Management**

**Senator Macdonald asked on 15 March 2013, Hansard page 35:**

(1) Secondly, in relation to major works at Rockhampton in relation to Shoalwater Bay, I understand the contract between the Department of Defence and the Rockhampton Regional Council, who run the airport, terminates later this year. I am just wondering if you could tell me what the arrangements have been in the past and give us an update, including financial arrangements, on where you are at in renegotiating that.

(2) In the same area, can you just tell me what the arrangement is with the Singaporean Air Force. I understand you get the major lease and then sublease to Singapore, and I would like to know what your arrangements with Singapore are as well.

**Response:**

(1) There are no contracts between Defence and the Rockhampton Regional Council for major works in relation to Shoalwater Bay. Defence does have agreements in place with the Rockhampton Regional Council relating to use of facilities at the airport. The agreements for use of facilities at the airport expire on 22 November 2013 and no formal negotiations to extend or establish a new agreement have commenced. Defence pays no lease fee for these facilities but is responsible for all outgoings.

(2) The Defence agreement with the Rockhampton Regional Council for use of the operations technical building at the airport is for exclusive use of the facility by the Department of Defence. The Defence agreement with the Rockhampton Regional Council allows for this facility to be used (on approval) by foreign militaries. Under these provisions the Singaporean Air Force use this building during Exercise Wallaby for a period of up to 70 days every year on a full cost recovery basis to Defence.

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**Review of 2011-2012 Defence Annual Report – 15 March 2013**

**Q20: ADF Youth Policy**

**Senator Macdonald** asked on 15 March 2013, Hansard page 38.

a. I just referred to page 80 of the report that talked about a Defence youth policy which is expected before the end of 2012 and a Defence youth portal and youth brand initiatives will be delivered in 2013. I was asking that as part of the general culture of Defence. Could somebody tell me if the policy has been delivered and whether that portal and the initiatives have yet been delivered in 2013, or when it is expected that they will be?

**Response:**

The Defence Annual Report 2011-12 (DAR) states (at p80), against the deliverable “(viii) *Provide a coordinated, coherent and well-governed approach to Youth Development Programs for the Defence organisation in order to provide a positive youth development experience*”:

The Youth Engagement and Development Policy Statement was signed by the Secretary and CDF in June 2012. ... A Defence Youth Policy is expected before the end of 2012 and the Defence Youth Portal and Youth Brand initiatives will be delivered in early 2013.

**Defence Youth Engagement and Development Policy Statement**

A copy of the Defence Youth Engagement and Development Policy Statement signed by the then Secretary and Chief of the Defence Force, referred to in the DAR, is attached. This is available on-line at [www.defence.gov.au/youth](http://www.defence.gov.au/youth).

**Defence Youth Policy**

The proposed Defence Youth Policy referred to in the DAR was originally envisaged to comprise hyperlinks to all Defence policies that might impact upon youth. Subsequently, this has evolved into a more ambitious project, YOUTHPOLMAN. YOUTHPOLMAN will have three parts:

1. Defence Youth Policy - hyperlinks to all Defence policies that might impact upon youth. The Defence Child Protection Policy Defence Instruction General (currently in draft) will be placed here.

2. Defence Youth Programs - hyperlinks to all Defence youth program websites, especially to access strategic /business plans /applications /etc. for each initiative.
3. Australian Defence Force Cadets (ADFC) Policy - Policies covering the ADF Cadets.

What was originally envisaged to be "Defence Youth Policy" is now to be Part 1 of YOUTHPOLMAN as described above. The target date for the release of YOUTHPOLMAN, including the first tranche of policies (most of which will be in Part 3, ADF Cadets Policy), is November 2013. The development of the ADFC Future Governance paper in December 2012 – February 2013, and now its implementation, including the development of Part 3 of YOUTHPOLMAN, have taken and are taking priority over Part 1.

### **Defence Youth Portal**

The Defence Youth Portal (YOUTH HQ) is currently ready as a development site and its content is almost complete. There are some further additions to be made and clearances to obtain, in order to be compliant with Defence and Commonwealth website standards. As a result, it is expected to 'go live' in late 2013.

When established, YOUTH HQ will be a single website that consolidates information about Defence's youth activities. The Youth Portal will act as Defence's face to the world on youth-related matters, and will be the starting point for the Australian public to find information about how and why Defence engages with, and develops, young people. Detailed information about specific youth activities, as well as hyperlinks to their respective websites, will be provided on separate landing pages.

### **Defence Youth Brand**

The original Defence Youth Brand concept was to complement existing Defence youth activity and program brands using a common theme, format and colour scheme.

This has since matured to a Youth Headquarters Style Guide, developed for in-house use as the basic formatting reference to guide the appearance of YOUTH HQ and associated strategic-level Defence youth documents and promotional publications.