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Technology Organisation  
Ordnance Breakdown  
Facility, Port Wakefield,  
South Australia

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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## List of Abbreviations

Defence	Department of Defence
DSTO	Defence Science and Technology Organisation
EOB	Explosive Ordnance Breakdown
PAD	Pre-acquisition Declaration
P&EE	Proof and Experimental Establishment



# Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

No. 13 dated Wednesday, 9 February 2005

**PUBLIC WORKS – PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE –  
REFERENCE OF WORK – ORDNANCE BREAKDOWN FACILITY, PROOF  
AND EXPERIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT SITE, PORT WAKEFIELD, SOUTH  
AUSTRALIA**

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved – That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Ordnance breakdown facility, proof and experimental establishment site, Port Wakefield, South Australia.

Question – put and passed.



# List of Recommendations

## 3 Issues and Conclusions

### Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the proposed construction of an ordnance breakdown facility for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation at Port Wakefield, South Australia, proceed at the estimated cost of \$8.4 million.