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**Mr Mark Butler MP**  
Chair  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Butler

**RAAF EDINBURGH REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 2 – SUPPLEMENTARY  
SUBMISSION**

I would like to take the opportunity to provide a supplementary submission in response to the questions raised by Mr Kirner in his letter to the Committee dated 18 March 2009 (Attachment 1).

Questions one and two from Mr Kirner's letter:

*Firstly does the project have any charter to reduce the high general unemployment in the Northern Suburbs of Adelaide?*

*Secondly does the project have any charter to reduce high youth and indigenous unemployment in the Northern Suburbs?*

Defence Response:

The project does not have any charter to reduce unemployment.

Questions three to six from Mr Kirner's letter:

*What timber products are being used in the new facility? Are they Australian grown and made? Are they locally made in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide? Do the companies used have apprentices?*

*What glass and glazing products are being used in the new facility? Are they Australian manufactured and made? Are they locally made in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide? Do the companies used have apprentices?*

*What furniture items are being used in the new facility? Are they Australian manufactured and made? Are they locally made in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide? Do the companies used have apprentices?*

*What floor-covering items are being used in the new facility? Are they Australian manufactured and made? Are they locally made in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide? Do the companies used have apprentices?*

Defence response:

Timber products to be used in the project will include both plantation hardwoods and softwoods, Defence ecological sustainable development principles require that only plantation grown timber be used. Glazing products will include both tempered and laminated glass. Furniture to be incorporated into the project varies from typical workstations through to custom built fixed joinery. Floor coverings to be provided include continuous vinyl sheeting and carpet.

The procurement of contractors to undertake the works will be conducted in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, tendering for the works will not commence until after Parliamentary clearance of the project is received.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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30 March 2009

Attachment: 1. Submission No.2 (RAAF Edinburgh Redevelopment Stage 2)