



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

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

Chair: Senator Michael Forshaw
SubComm Chair: The Hon Arch Bevis

MEDIA ALERT

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Review of the Defence Annual Report 2006-07 ***Public Hearing on 29 August 2008***

The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade is conducting a further public hearing on aspects of the Department of Defence Annual Report 2006-2007 on Friday 29 August 2008.

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra from 9:00am - 12:00pm. It will be webcast live on:
<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

The Defence Sub-Committee, chaired by Arch Bevis (Member for Brisbane, QLD), will review a range of issues pertaining to the Defence Annual Report 2006-2007, including:

- Significant concerns about DMO Top 30 projects
 - FA/18 Hornet upgrade
 - ADF Air Refuelling Capability
 - Air Warfare Destroyer
 - Upgrade of M-113 Armoured Vehicles
 - Lightweight Torpedo Replacement
 - Vigilare – New Air Defence Command and Control Systems for Control and Reporting Units -2CRU/3CRU
- FBT Reportable Allowances
- Through life support of Defence equipment
- Australian industry capability
- Radar Warning Receiver
- Air Combat Capability
 - Joint Strike Fighter
 - Missiles for the Joint Strike Fighter/Super Hornet

Representatives from the Department of Defence will include the Chief of the Defence Force, the Chief of Air Force, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Defence Materiel Organisation.

For media inquiries, contact the Sub-Committee Chairman, the Hon Arch Bevis MP on 02 6277 4518 or 07 3356 1555.

For all other inquiries, contact the Senior Research Officer, Muz Ali, on 02 6277 4466 or visit the committee website at www.aph.gov.au/jfadt/