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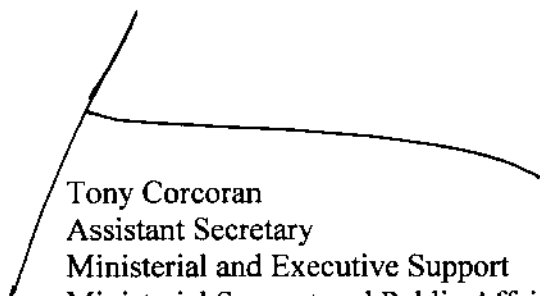
Ms Siobhan Leyne  
Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Leyne

Please find attached the Defence response to the Questions taken of Notice taken at the hearing on the Agreement between Australia and France regarding Defence Cooperation and Status of Forces on 15 September 2008.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



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**Questions taken on Notice**  
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic Regarding  
Defence Cooperation and Status of Forces Hearing **SUBMISSION NO. 27**  
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Question 1

**Defence cooperation agreements with other countries**

Mr Thomson, Proof Hansard, 15 September 2008, p.16

- a) How many defence cooperation agreements with other countries do we have?

**RESPONSE**

Australia has four defence cooperation agreements with other countries. They are:

- An Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement with the Government of the United States of America concerning Certain Mutual Defence Commitments (Chapeau Defence Agreement) [1995] **ATS 35**;
- A framework Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Cooperation in Military Fields [2006] **ATNIF 15**;
- An agreement between Australia and the Republic of Indonesia on the Framework for Security Cooperation [2006] **ATNIF 25**; and
- An agreement with the United Arab Emirates on Defence Cooperation [2007] **ATNIF 10**.

Question 2

**ADF visits to France**

Mr Thomson, Proof Hansard, 15 September 2008, p.16

- a) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel regularly visit France?

**RESPONSE**

There were 291 Defence sponsored visitors to France in 2007 and 269 in 2006. These numbers reflect all Australian Defence visitors, including Australian Defence Force personnel, Defence public servants and Defence contractors.

Question 3

**Status of Forces Agreements**

Mr Simpkins, Proof Hansard, 15 September 2008, p.17

- a) Is there any difference between this Status of Forces Agreement (SoFA) and other ones that have been signed with other countries?

**RESPONSE**

There is no substantive difference between the Australia–France SoFA and SoFA’s we have with other countries.