



Defence Asset Deterioration a Concern

—Public hearing Wednesday 21 September in Canberra—

Committee Chair, Mr Rob Oakeshott said, "The Auditor-General's findings that the current management of the \$20 billion Defence estate has not been fully effective and that funding is not enough to preserve existing assets, needs to be addressed."

The Department of Defence and the Australian National Audit Office will appear before the federal parliament's Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on Wednesday 21 September, to discuss the condition of the Defence estate including 72 military bases across Australia.

The Defence estate has been described as an 'ageing, complex and costly historical legacy, in which investment for maintenance had been decreasing since the 1980s.' Considering the importance of the Defence estate the Committee is concerned with the findings of the Audit Report.

Originally planned to occur last month, the Committee has rescheduled this public hearing to examine a recent report by the Auditor-General, Audit Report No. 41 2010-11, *Maintenance of the Defence Estate*.

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday 21 September**, from **12:15 pm to 1:00 pm** in **Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House Canberra**. Evidence will be given by the Australian National Audit Office and the Department of Defence.

An electronic copy of the program can be found at
http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcpaa/auditgen6_11/hearings.htm

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