



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

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

Chair: Senator Michael Forshaw
SubComm Chair: Senator Mark Furner

MEDIA ALERT

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Review of the Defence Annual Report 2009-10 Public Hearing on Friday 25 March

Senior Defence Officials will appear before the Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade at an all day public hearing in Canberra, on Friday 25 March, inquiring into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2009-2010.

The Defence Sub-Committee chaired by Senator Mark Furner (QLD) has resolved to investigate a range of issues raised in the Defence Annual Report 2009-10 including:

- Security of Vital National Assets in the North West of Australia
- Border Protection Command (including employment of ADF assets)
- ADF Pay Remediation
- ADF Mental Health Reforms
- ADF Base Security
- Military Justice System Reforms
- DMO - Reform and Procurement (incl implementation status of Defence Procurement and Sustainment Review)
- DMO - Projects of Concern
- DMO - Specific Projects - Joint Strike Fighter, Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD), Amphibious Deployment and Sustainment Program and Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle

The public hearing will be held from **8.30am to 5pm** in **Committee Room 2S1** at **Parliament House, Canberra**, on Friday **25 March**.

The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Further information on the hearings, including a Full Program and transcripts of previous hearings are available on the Committee's inquiry website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/>

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