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The Secretary  
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Parliament House  
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Attention: Ms Margaret Swieringa

**RESPONSE TO PWC FROM HUNTER VALLEY TRAINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED**

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 15 July 2002 from the Hunter Valley Training Company Pty Limited concerning the RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and Facilities for the Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft project.
2. Defence understands the Hunter Valley Training Company's reasons for such a formal approach to apprentice employment. Defence, however, has a core principle of achieving value for money in expenditure of Commonwealth funds. Our experience is that projects such as that detailed in this proposal bring significant financial and training benefits to regions and local communities.

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