



2010-11 Defence Materiel Organisation's Major Projects Report scrutinised

The Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit today tabled its report into the 2010-11 Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) Major Projects Report (MPR) (Report Number 429). This is the third MPR to be reviewed and reported on by the committee.

Committee Chair, Rob Oakeshott MP said that "Parliamentary scrutiny of the DMO MPR is vital to improve the accountability and transparency of major defence acquisition projects."

Mr Oakeshott added "the MPR and committee's review assists the Parliament and the public in determining whether Defence procurement dollars are being wisely spent to provide Australian Defence Force personnel with the quality support they deserve."

Specifically, the committee recommended that more information be provided on measures taken to minimise schedule slippage and that DMO report on the use of the MPR by external stakeholders.

This year the committee also made significant decisions for future financial reporting within the MRP – agreeing that the DMO move to reporting financial data in out-turned dollars. Individual 'project assurance statements' from the CEO will also be included to clearly state whether the project has sufficient remaining funds to deliver the agreed output.

Other areas of interest highlighted during the review included:

- discussion of when projects should exit the MPR at Final Materiel Release or Final Operational Capability; and
- the further work necessary to improve the consistency of DMO management systems and hence information available across projects.

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