



Major military projects under scrutiny

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit will use an upcoming public hearing to examine in detail a report into the progress of 29 major Defence projects.

Committee Chair Dr Andrew Southcott MP said: "The report aims to provide accessible, transparent and accurate information about the state of Australia's largest defence acquisition projects with a total approved budget of \$44.3billion."

The Defence Materiel Organisation 2012-13 Major Projects Report is a joint publication of the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) and Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO).

It reviews the progress of major Defence projects in terms of cost, schedule, capability and project management issues.

Projects reported on include the Air Warfare Destroyers, Joint Strike Fighters, Collins Class Submarines Sustainability and Reliability, MRH90 Helicopters, Armidale Class patrol boats, and Bushmaster Vehicles.

Representatives of the ANAO and DMO will appear before the Committee on **Thursday, March 20, 2014** from 11:15am in **Committee Room 2R1**, Parliament House, Canberra.

The committee will scrutinise the report's level of transparency and issues highlighted by the ANAO in its analysis of the report, such as the consistency of information reported.

More information about the hearing can be found at the committee's website:

www.aph.gov.au/jcpaa

The Defence Materiel Organisation 2012-13 Major Projects Report can be located [here](#).

The hearing will be broadcast live at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

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