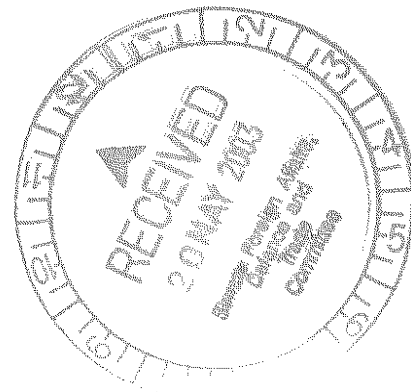




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Mr Brenton Holmes  
Secretary  
Senate Legislation Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
Defence and Trade  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr Holmes

A question on notice from the Senate Legislation Committee additional estimates hearing of 12 February 2003, which was recently provided by Defence, requires correction.

In answer to a written question from Senator Evans concerning aircraft platform types, Defence stated incorrect details regarding the F/A-18A and F/A-18B aircraft types. The details provided indicated that Defence currently has in service 54 F/A-18A aircraft and 17 F/A-18B aircraft. The correct details should read 55 and 16 respectively.

Please find attached the amended response. It would be appreciated if you could replace the existing response with this revision.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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**Defence Aircraft  
QUESTION W9**

SENATOR: Evans

HANSARD: Written question

Can Defence provide the following information for each of the following aircraft platform types:

F/A-18A	F/A-18B	F-111	C-130H
C-130J	Hawk	PC-9	Caribou
P-3C Orion	B707	Sea King	Sea Hawk
Chinook	Iroquois	Kiowa	Black Hawk

- a) When it entered service with the ADF?
- b) What is its current life of type?
- c) If upgrades are currently planned, indicate the year they will be delivered?
- d) How many of the original platforms were purchased?
- e) How many are currently in service?
- f) How many are currently not in service but retained by Defence?

RESPONSE

Refer to attached table.

Aircraft	a) Initial year of service	b) Endorsed life of type	d) Year original platforms purchased	e) No of aircraft currently in service	f) Not in service but retained by Defence	c) Planned Improvements	Year of Delivery
B707	1979	2007	7	4	1	None planned	
Black Hawk	1987	2015	39	36	0	mid-life upgrade	2010
C-130J	2001	2030	12	12	0	Electronic warfare self protection	Not yet determined
C-130H	1978	2008	12	12	0	Enhanced electronic warfare self protection	2005
						Refurbishment	2008
Caribou	1964	2010	28	14	4	None planned	
Chinook	1995	2025	4 in 1995 2 in 2001	6	0	Mid-life upgrade	2010
F-111	1973	2015-2020	43	28	7	Interim electronic warfare self protection AGM-142 missile integration Enhanced electronic warfare self protection Tactical reconnaissance and strike support	Mid-decade 2006 2009 2007
F/A-18A	1985	2012-2015	57	54	0	Radars, mission software, missiles	2003
F/A-18B	1985	2012-2015	18	17	0	Avionics and electronic warfare Structural refurbishment	2007 Not yet determined
Hawk	2000	2025	33	33	0	Radar emulation Radar simulation	2004 2005
Iroquois	1966	2007	42	25	0	None planned	
Kiowa	1971	2011-2012	55	41	1	None planned	
PC-9	1987	2010	67	65	0	Replace obsolete avionics	2005
P-3C Orion	1978	2015	20	19	0	Upgrade of systems to AP-3C standard Electro optic enhancement New data link	2004 2009 2010
Sea Hawk	1989	2023-2025	16	16	0	Electronic support measures/forward looking infra red upgrade Mid-life upgrade	2004-05 2007-08
Sea King	1975	2015	10 in 1975 2 in 1983 1 in 1997	7	0	Life of type extension and upgrade	Not yet determined