**Answers to questions on notice relating to
Budget supplementary estimates 2010−2011**

**Defence portfolio**

***Letters of clarification/correction received by the committee***

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| 07Jan11 | Macdonald | Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, writes to correct evidence he gave at supplementary estimates concerning the use of RAAF Scherger. | (i) |
| 07Jan11 | Johnston | Air Marshal M Binskin, Chief of the Air Force, writes to clarify evidence he gave at supplementary estimates concerning whether Hi Fly will be applying for an Australian Aircraft Operating Certificate. | (ii) |
| 07Jan11 | Johnston | Vice Admiral Russ Crane, Chief of Navy, writes to correct evidence he have at supplementary estimates regarding submarine availability. | (iii) |
| 07Jan11 | Humphries | Mr Warren King, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Defence Materiel Organisation, writes to clarify evidence he gave at supplementary estimates concerning Project LAND 121 Phase 3, Medium Heavy Capacity. | (iv) |
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***Answers to questions on notice***

**Department of Defence** *[answers received 18Feb11@ and 21Feb11\*]*

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*Johnston 01@ 03Mar11* Defence Force Discipline Act-definition in section 5A

*Johnston 02@ 03Mar11* Submission to the DMP

*Ludlam 03 03Mar11* Depleted uranium *Not received yet*

*Ludlam 04@ 03Mar11* Afghanistan—Task Force 373

*Johnston 05\* 03Mar11* MEAO air sustainment tender

*Johnston 06\* 03Mar11* Strategic Reform Program

*Johnston 07\* 03Mar11* HMAS *Success* Commission of Inquiry

*Trood 08\* 03Mar11* HMAS *Success* Commission of Inquiry

*Johnston 09@ 03Mar11* Housing at RAAF Base Darwin

*Johnston 10@ 03Mar11* HMAS *Success* IMO double-skinning

 *Attachment:* Australian Government Solicitor, advice to Projects Director, Amphibious and Afloat Support System Program Office, Garden Island, dated 1 October 2010, regarding ILO conventions and Singaporean employment law.

*Johnston 11@ 03Mar11* Submarines—RAND report

*Barnett 12@ 03Mar11* Obesity in the Australian Defence Force

*Barnett 13@ 03Mar11* Awarding of the Victoria Cross

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*Humphries 14@ 03Mar11* Projects of concern

*Abetz 15@ 03Mar11* CJOPS visits to Camp Cockatoo, Pakistan/Outreach program

*Macdonald 16@ 03Mar11* Wharf 10 at Townsville and LHDs

*Macdonald 17@ 03Mar11* RAAF Base Scherger

*Ludlam 18@ 03Mar11* Possible action by ICC in relation to DMP charges

*Johnston 19\* 03Mar11* DMP response to submission

*Fielding W01@ 03Mar11* Post election briefings

 *Attachment:* Department of Defence, 'Incoming government brief'.

*Johnston W02@ 03Mar11* Defence budget

*Johnston W03\* 03Mar11* Capability funds delivered to 'suppliers'

*Johnston W04@ 03Mar11* Strategic decision-making in Defence

*Xenophon W05\* 03Mar11* Fraud control

*Johnston W06\* 03Mar11* Strategic Reform Program

*Johnston W07\* 03Mar11* Strategic Reform Program savings

*Johnston W08@ 03Mar11* Growth of APS personnel numbers

*Brown W09\* 03Mar11* ADF reconstruction and relief aid in Afghanistan

*Johnston W10@ 03Mar11* MEAO aviation contract

*Johnston W11\* 03Mar11* Future submarine acquisitions

*Johnston W12\* 03Mar11* Collins Class submarines crewing

*Johnston W13\* 03Mar11* Submarines

*Johnston W14\* 03Mar11* SEA 1000—staffing and salaries

*Abetz W15@ 03Marb11* Outreach program, Pakistan

*Johnston W16@ 03Mar11* Army Tactical Tank Force

*Johnston W17@ 03Mar11* JP 2077

*Ludlam W18@ 03Marb11* British nuclear testing and nuclear veterans

*Johnston W19\* 03Mar11* Remote locality leave travel allowances

*Johnston W20@ 03Mar11* Defence travel

*Johnston W21@ 03Mar11* East Timor

*Johnston W22\* 03Mar11* Reserve numbers

*Johnston W23@ 03Mar11* Civilians in Afghanistan

*Johnston W24@ 03Mar11* Afghanistan—4th Brigade training

*Johnston W25@ 03Mar11* Internet access on deployment

*Johnston W26@ 03Mar11* Procurement of FMS stores

*Williams W27\* 03Mar11* Birdon Marine Group

 *Attachment*: Birdon Marine Pty Ltd contracts with the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation, as of 29 October 2010.

*Boswell W28\* 03Mar11* RAAF Base Scherger

*Johnston W29\* 03Mar11* Defence clothing contracts

*Trood W30\* 03Mar11* Unity Resources Group

*Trood W31\* 03Mar11* Old chemical weapons in Queensland

*Trood W32\* 03Mar11* Electorate briefs

*Trood W33@ 03Mar11* Cyber threats

*Trood W34@ 03Mar11* White paper review

*Trood W35@ 03Mar11* Defence base security

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**Department of Veterans' Affairs** *[answers received 10Dec10]*

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*Fielding 01 10Feb11* Post election brief

 *Attachments:*

 *Question 01(d)* Department of Veterans' Affairs, redacted version of the 'Red book'

 *Question 01(g)* Department of Veterans' Affairs, redacted version of the 'Blue book'

*Ronaldson 02 10Feb11* Department staff and resources in the Minister's office

*Ronaldson 03 10Feb11* Government election commitments (general)

*Ronaldson 04 10Feb11* Government election commitments (general)

*Ronaldson 05 10Feb11* Veterans' income support and allowances—pension rate disparity

*Ronaldson 06 10Feb11* Veterans' income support and allowances—pension rate disparity

*Ronaldson 07 10Feb11* Veterans' income support and allowances—pension rate disparity

*Ronaldson 08 10Feb11* Review of military compensation arrangements

*Ronaldson 09 10Feb11* Review of military compensation arrangements

*Ronaldson 10 10Feb11* Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission guide

*Ronaldson 11 10Feb11* Defence community organisation and DVA

*Trood 12 10Feb11* F-111 deseal/reseal ex-gratia payments

*Ronaldson 13 10Feb11* Assistance to widows and dependents

*Ronaldson 14 10Feb11* F-111 deseal/reseal programme

*Ronaldson 15 10Feb11* F-111 deseal/reseal programme

*Ronaldson 16 10Feb11* F-111 deseal/reseal programme

*Ronaldson 17 10Feb11* F-111 deseal/reseal programme

*Ronaldson 18 10Feb11* RMA/SMRC

*Ronaldson 19 10Feb11* Erosion of disability pension

*Ronaldson 20 10Feb11* Pharmaceutical review

*Ronaldson 21 10Feb11* Family collaborative project

*Ronaldson 22 10Feb11* Contracts—outcome 2

*Ronaldson 23 10Feb11* Veterans and veteran families counselling service offices

*Ronaldson 24 10Feb11* Study of health care use and costs

 *Attachment:* 'Health care usage and costs—A comparison of veterans and war widows and widowers with the rest of the community', Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Canberra, December 2002.

*Barnett 25 10Feb11* Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels

*Ronaldson 26 10Feb11* VRB—Behaviour of a senior advocate at a VRB hearing in Queensland

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