

RESPONSE TO QoN2

(a)

Table: 2010-11 SRP Cost Reduction Targets and Achievements*

Stream	Target	Achievement
Information and Communications Technology	\$128.1m	\$26.7m
Smart Sustainment	\$288.0m	\$325.7m
Non-Equipment Procurement	\$177.0m	\$318.2m
Workforce and Shared Services	\$171.4m	\$103.1m
Reserves	\$4.5m	\$-3.5m
Logistics	\$5.8m	\$52.6m
Other	\$241.5m	\$241.5m
Total	\$1,016.3m	\$1,064.4m

*As reported annually through the Departmental budgetary process.

(b)

Defence does not have an updated version of the table on page 27 of the first SRP booklet (May 2009). Defence intends to release a new SRP booklet early in 2012 with updated information on cost reduction targets per reform stream and the SRP investment funds profile. The new booklet will not provide a 'net' view of cost reduction targets against investment funds as they are managed separately.

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RESPONSE TO QoN3

Table: 2011-12 Cost Reduction Targets by Stream*

Stream	Target**
Information and Communications Technology	\$147.5m
Smart Sustainment	\$370.2m
Non-Equipment Procurement	\$206.6m
Workforce and Shared Services	\$237.6m
Reserves	\$28.1m
Logistics	\$8.3m
Other	\$285.5m
Total	\$1,283.9m

*As at 1 July 2011.

**Summation variances are due to rounding.

Response to QON 10.

Senator Macdonald asked at 1217:

1. For the last three years, how many new cadet units have been established?
2. In the last three years, how many requests have been received to establish new units?

Answer:

1. New Cadet Units Established. Total - Seven:
 - a. Navy. Three:
 - (1) New Training Ship (NTS) Orion, Jindabyne, NSW. Currently finalising infrastructure requirements to enable further processing.
 - (2) NTS Argyle, Kununurra (border of WA & NT). Processing suspended due to a decline in community support.
 - (3) NTS Challenger, Perth, WA. New unit to support Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) Band unit.
 - b. Army. One:
 - (1) The Australian AAC currently has 217 Army Cadet Units established, of which three are currently inactive.

In the past three years, AAC has raised **one** new Cadet Unit at Werribee Secondary College, VIC. This unit was raised as a trial of the new policy and procedure developed by HQ AAC for the establishment of new units (to replace the previous policy and procedure developed in the early 1980s). In return for the school agreeing to assist in this development process, the school was given authority in February 2011 to establish a small unit of approx 40 cadets.

- (2) In the past 3 - 4 years, there have been numerous changes to existing cadet units, but these are not considered "new" units, such as:
- Units moving location within a town / city or between nearby towns / suburbs.
 - Converting from detachments / sub-units to independent units.
 - Amalgamating existing units which results in the amalgamated unit sometimes having a new title.
 - Changing title of existing units.

c. Air Force. Three:

- (1) 111 Squadron (SQN) Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) Mt Isa Qld;
- (2) 622 SQN AAFC Murray Bridge SA; and
- (3) 231 SQN AAFC Jimboomba Qld.

2. Requests to establish new Cadet Units:

a. Navy. Eight:

- (1) Christmas Island, WA;
- (2) Stanthorpe, Qld;
- (3) Morwell, VIC;
- (4) Young, NSW;
- (5) Palm Is, Qld;
- (6) Murwillumbah, NSW;
- (7) Moreton Is, Qld; and
- (8) Whyalla, NSW.

Of these requests only Morwell and Stanthorpe have been identified as having sufficient community support to enable further investigation of commencing a New Training Ship. Additional information will then be gathered to confirm establishment requirements such as availability of Facilities and availability of suitable staff members. A full proposal is then raised for evaluation/action.

- b. Army. Over the past three years, within the best information available at short notice, there have been approximately 50 inquiries from schools and communities that seek to establish a cadet unit. These inquiries were usually informal discussion between a community / school representative and staff of the applicable AAC Regional Headquarters (accounting for approx 32 of the 50). In around 18 cases, these requests have been via Ministerial Representation and/or formal letters to AAC Regional or National HQ.

AAC is not currently actively looking to establish new cadet units. A large expansion of units would be difficult within current resourcing, so the focus has been on growth within existing units.

By far the biggest impediment to unit creation is the inability to meet criteria to establish a unit such as staff availability in numbers and time as well as facilities and other community support that would enable an enduring unit to be established.

HQ AAC has developed a framework (trialled with Werribee Secondary College) to establish new units. In this event, HQ AAC will advertise via the AAC website for expressions of interest from communities and schools in selected States / Territories (to be chosen on the basis of the ability of the applicable AAC Regional HQ to manage additional units).

HQ AAC continues to proactively monitor the demand for new units and to engage with interested communities and schools by explaining to them the process required to raise a unit, emphasising the obligations they would have to a cadet unit should one be raised.

- c. Air Force. Five, which includes the three new established units listed above and:
- (1) Cooma NSW. Not pursued due to lack of local facilities and community support.
 - (2) Warrnambool Vic. Planning is underway and unit should be raised early in 2012.

Air Force further advises that informal enquiries where people talk to Australian Air Force Cadet members at an extant squadron are impossible to quantify. However, in the 2009-2011 timeframe three enquiries were made to the Chief of Staff HQ AAFC from residents in western Sydney (Parramatta and westwards), Cooma (already mentioned) and Goulburn NSW where an additional, school unit was discussed - Number 325 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets already services the city.