

PM 101 (EVANS)

IDC on the Defence Capability Plan

- 1. Is the Department represented on an IDC on the Defence Capability Plan? Who represents the Department on this IDC?**

Answer: No. This IDC is closed. The Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet represented the department and chaired the IDC.

- 2. Does the Department in fact chair this IDC?**

Answer: See response to Question 1 above.

- 3. What are the reporting lines for this IDC? Does it report directly to the Prime Minister? If not, to whom does it report?**

Answer: See response to Question 1 above.

- 4. How does the IDC deal with risk and affordability and ongoing management of the DCP?**

Answer: See response to Question 1 above.

- 5. Does the IDC have any capacity to initiate reviews of the DCP?**

Answer: See response to Question 1 above.

- 6. How is corrective action determined by the IDC, if any, implemented?**

Answer: See response to Question 1 above.

- 7. When was this IDC established? How many meetings of this IDC have occurred, and on what dates?**

Answer: The Defence Capability Plan IDC was established formally on 12 April 2005. The IDC met on two occasions: 4 April 2005 and 6 July 2005.

- 8. Which other Departments are represented on the IDC? Are Defence, Treasury, Finance and DFAT also members?**

Answer: The Treasury, the Department of Defence and the Department of Finance and Administration were represented.

- 9. Please provide a list of specific issues that are considered by this IDC (for example, the affordability of the DCP, risks to the delivery of the DCP and its ongoing management). Can the terms of reference, if any, be provided?**

Answer: See response to Question 1 above. The terms of reference cannot be provided.

- 10. Did the IDC consider the future of the Seasprite helicopter project? On what date? On what date was advice (if any) provided to the Prime Minister? On what date was advice (if any) provided to the National Security Committee of Cabinet?**

Answer: No.

11. Did the IDC consider the acquisition of the Super Hornets? On what date? On what date was advice (if any) provided to the Prime Minister? On what date was advice (if any) provided to the National Security Committee of Cabinet?

Answer: No.

12. Did the IDC consider how this project would distort DCP priorities, programming and expenditure? Was advice provided to the Prime Minister or the National Security Committee of Cabinet on this issue? On what date(s)?

Answer: No.

13. Has the IDC considered the so-called 'bow-wave' of Defence expenditure which starts in 2014 with the acquisition of the air warfare destroyers, amphibious ships and the JSF? Has advice been provided to the Prime Minister or the National Security Committee of Cabinet on this issue? On what date(s)?

Answer: No.