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Question: 25A

**Outcome 2 Improved and More Efficient Government Operations, Output 2.1.3
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Topic: Australian Submarine Corporation

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Written Question on Notice: 11 November 2003

Senator Forshaw asked:

What is the status of the ASC sale?

Answer:

The Government suspended the sale of the Australian Submarine Corporation in December 2001, until a number of critical issues including arrangements for the through-life support of the submarines and access to certain intellectual property were resolved. On 16 October 2003, the Government announced that the Australian Submarine Corporation and the Department of Defence would enter into a contract for the through-life support of the Collins Class submarines. The contract is for a period of up to 25 years, valued at \$3.5bn.

The Government and the Australian Submarine Corporation are continuing to progress the issue of access to intellectual property. Negotiations are continuing with Kockums and the Government will re-consider the sale of the Australian Submarine Corporation when there is greater clarity on this matter.

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Senator Forshaw asked:

What are the reasons for the government delaying the sale of the ASC? Are these issues likely to be resolved in the next 12 to 18 months?

Answer:

Please refer to the answer provided for Question 25A.

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