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Senator Forshaw asked:

Have outstanding issues, related to intellectual property and design authority, (highlighted by Senator Hill on 19 December 2001) been progressed? Can the Department provide further explanation of what these issues involve?

Answer:

The Government and the Australian Submarine Corporation are continuing to progress negotiations with Kockums on access to intellectual property. The role of designer or design authority is a matter for the Department of Defence to determine. The issue of designer or design authority is a matter for the Minister for Defence.

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Was a scoping study for the ASC commenced? If so what was the cost?

Answer:

In 1999-2000 the then Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing was provided with funding of \$2 million to engage advisers to provide advice on a number of issues, including exploring options for the ownership and control of the Australian Submarine Corporation and ascertaining the value and liabilities of the Australian Submarine Corporation.

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