

RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and Facilities for the Airborne Early Warning & Control Aircraft

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REFERENCE OF WORK—STAGE 1 REDEVELOPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR
THE AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT, RAAF BASE
WILLIAMTOWN, NEWCASTLE, NSW

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Stage 1 Redevelopment and facilities for the Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft, RAAF Base Williamtown, Newcastle, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.



List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee notes that many submissions express concern at the high unemployment in the Hunter region. The Committee recommends that Defence investigate options and costs for increasing opportunities for trainees and apprentices on works proposed under the RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and construction of the Airborne Early Warning and Control facilities.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that Defence examine costing arrangements relating to commercial use of Defence airfields, and the impact of these on civilian operators, with a view to developing a nationally consistent policy to govern such arrangements.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the proposed RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and Airborne Early Warning and Control facilities works proceed, pending ongoing consultation with stakeholder and community groups, and local service authorities, to ensure a holistic and cost-effective approach.

