

Inquiry into naval shipbuilding in Australia

On 10 November 2005, the Senate referred the following matter to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of 2006:

That the Committee inquire into and report upon the scope and opportunity for naval shipbuilding in Australia and in particular:

- (a) The capacity of the Australian industrial base to construct large Naval vessels over the long term and on a sustainable basis;
- (b) The comparative economic productivity of the Australian shipbuilding industrial base and associated activity with other shipbuilding nations;
- (c) The comparative economic costs of maintaining, repairing and refitting large naval vessels throughout their useful lives when constructed in Australia vice overseas;
- (d) The broader economic development and associated benefits accrued from undertaking the construction of large naval vessels