

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

3.13 The committee recommends that Defence engage with the Office of the Industry Advocate to investigate opportunities for events or workshops which also include regional areas and local businesses.

Recommendation 2

3.17 The committee recommends that Defence review its formal mechanisms for communication and coordination in the Upper Spencer Gulf region to ensure:

- the most effective flow of information including plans which may generate potential business opportunities;**
- as much information about upcoming training exercises is being disseminated to the local community with as much advance notice as possible; and**
- that a contact point regarding local exercises is available on an ongoing basis and that this information is disseminated regularly.**

Recommendation 3

3.18 The committee recommends that Defence hold a post exercise debrief with the local community representatives on a trial basis and then, in consultation, evaluate whether it would be useful for stakeholders on an ongoing basis.

Recommendation 4

3.21 The committee recommends that Defence review Defgram 218/2017 to clarify or issue supplementary guidance to staff that local purchases outside the Standing Offer Panel is also encouraged as required.

Recommendation 5

3.29 The committee recommends that Defence make information available to local communities about Defence expenditure in the area. In consultation, with the local community, Defence should consider how best to present and disseminate this information.

