

Q34

Senator Humphries on 31 May at 1434:

Are all of the MRH-90 aircraft that have been signed off for service so far - are they all for Navy?

Response:

The 13 MRH aircraft accepted to date are being used for initial testing and training by both Navy and Army. These aircraft have been accepted in an interim configuration or Product Build Level. Negotiations are underway with Australian Aerospace with the goal to recommence MRH90 acceptance with aircraft in the mature configuration. The distribution of these aircraft will initially reflect achieving Navy's Initial Operating Capability as the highest priority.

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Q35

Senator Bishop on 31 May at 1435:

When we started the AIR 9000 Phase 2/4/6 – what was the original FOC date?

Response:

The MRH's original Final Operating Capability date was December 2016.

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Q37

Senator Trood on 31 May at 1519:

Is Defence aware of any Commonwealth agencies (with the exception of the national security agencies) using contractors to provide security vetting services when they should be referring these to Defence to conduct the work on behalf of the Commonwealth?

Response:

Except for those agencies exempt under the current policy, Defence is not aware of any Commonwealth agencies using any security vetting services other than the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency.

The AGSVA contacted the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, The Australian Taxation Office and the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, (all mentioned by Senator Trood) regarding their use of contractors to undertake security vetting services on their behalf. Defence has been advised by these agencies that they are not using contractors to provide security vetting services to conduct security clearances.

Other Commonwealth agencies have open contracts on AusTender however, these were all opened before the commencement of the AGSVA operations and there is no indication they are still being used.

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