

Opening Statement



Opening statement – Stuart Whiley

Senate F&PA Committee
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Witness Name Mr Stuart

Organisation: ASC Pty Ltd

Thank you, yes I would.

I'd like to inform the committee that on 14 December 2018 the ownership of the ASC Shipbuilding business was transferred from ASC to BAE Systems Australia.

However, ASC, together with its Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance partners, continues to be responsible for the completion of the AWD Program and via a subcontract with Luerssen Australia, is the shipbuilder for the first two Offshore Patrol Vessel platforms.

ASC will deliver its obligations on the AWD and OPV programs by utilising labour from ASC Shipbuilding, via workforce agreements.

As ASC and ASC Shipbuilding are now separate companies, issues relating to the future of the shipbuilding workforce are a matter for ASC Shipbuilding and BAE Systems Australia.

ASC also continues to have responsibility for the maintenance of Australia's six Collins Class submarines and we have approximately 1,400 employees located in South Australian and Western Australia.

The Collins Class submarine program continues to perform well as we work collectively as a Submarine Enterprise to achieve "beyond benchmark" performance.

ASC continues to work closely with Government and submarine industry partners to support the implementation of the naval shipbuilding plan and we look forward to future engagement to support the expansion of Australia's submarine industry and capability.

Thank you and I welcome your questions.

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