



JOINT COMMITTEES

**JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

**Inquiry into the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Major Projects Report**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Friday 7 November 2025**

**Committee Room 2S3**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p><b>Department of Defence</b> (<i>Submission 1</i>)</p> <p>Mr Stephen Groves, Acting Associate Secretary Mr Chris Deeble, Deputy Secretary, Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group Mr David Hanley, Deputy Secretary, Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group Major General Jason Blain, Head, Land Systems Division Air Vice-Marshal Graham Edwards, Head, Aerospace Systems Division Air Vice-Marshal David Scheul, Head, Air Defence and Space Systems Division Major General Richard Vagg, Head, Land Capability Air Vice-Marshal Nicholas Hogan, Head, Air Force Capability Major General Jeremy King, Head, Joint Aviation Systems Division Major General Matthew Pearse, Head, Force Integration Ms Racheal Kuczma, First Assistant Secretary, Commercial Ms Alison Petchell, First Assistant Secretary, Strategy, Planning and Independent Assurance Mr Gavin Rawlins, First Assistant Secretary, Joint Systems Division Mr Graham Weber, First Assistant Secretary, Financial Performance and Management (acting Chief Financial Officer) Commodore Micheal Jacobson, Director General Submarines (attending on behalf of Head, Navy Capability)</p> <p><b>Australian National Audit Office</b> Dr Caralee McLiesh PSM, Auditor-General Ms Rona Mellor PSM, Deputy Auditor-General Mr Ian Goodwin, Group Executive Director Mr Sean Benfield, Senior Executive Director Ms Susan Drennan, Acting Senior Executive Director Ms Amy Willmott, Executive Director</p>
11.00 am	<i>Close</i>