

Senate Economics Reference Committee

Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry – 20 June 2017

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Second RAND Report

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Question:

The Committee heard at its 3 April 2017 public hearing in Perth that there will be a second RAND report produced for the Department of Defence. Can you provide any details about what this report will focus on and timeframes for publication?

Answer:

RAND was contracted by the Department of Defence to undertake workforce analysis during the development of the Naval Shipbuilding Plan (released on 16 May 2017). This support task, and the associated contract, has now concluded. The publication of this report by RAND will likely occur during 2017-18.

The Department of Defence is transitioning to the implementation phase of the Naval Shipbuilding Plan. The Naval Shipbuilding Taskforce will continue to engage external service providers as required, which may include further work with RAND. However, as at 27 June 2017, no contracts have been entered into with RAND.