

Department of Defence

**Senate Economics References Committee - Inquiry into the future of Australia's
Naval Shipbuilding Industry - 30 September 2014**

Question on Notice No. 10 - Design and Test Site

The Committee provided in writing:

On 3 May 2012, Prime Minister Gillard announced an indicative timeline. By 2012 she announced a decision would be taken on the Design and a Land Based Test site. Could you tell me whether those decisions were taken and what is the current state of the design and the test site?

Response:

Prime Minister Gillard's announcement of 3 May 2012 indicated that in 2012 the Government would make a decision on design and test facilities including the Land Based Test Site.

First pass approval for a submarine propulsion design and test facility, known as the Submarine Propulsion, Energy and Systems Integration Facility (SPESIFy) was achieved in April of 2013. No construction work has commenced.