

Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit

Parliamentary inquiry – Defence First Principles Review and Naval Construction - Inquiry based on Auditor-General's reports 34 and 39 (2017-18)

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: JCPAA - Defence First Principles Review, Naval construction - Auditor-General's reports Nos 34 and 39 - 12 Sep 2018 - Q4 - Progress Update on the Strategically Aligned Estate

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Question:

Can you please give an update on progress of the strategically aligned estate? (p. 58 - 59 of Auditor General Report No 34)

Answer:

In 2017 the Department of Defence published the Defence Estate Strategy 2016-36 which aims to align Defence's estate to future capability needs. The Defence Estate Strategy is focused on achieving a fit-for-purpose, safe, secure, compliant and sustainable estate. Activities are progressing, including estate rationalisation, implementation of the Defence Environmental Strategy, development of the Asset Management Framework, and development of the Estate Engineering Governance and Integrity System. Progress against key activities is reported to the Enterprise Business Committee annually, with the next progress update anticipated in the first half of 2019.