



Review of 2012-13 Defence Major Projects Report

Federal Parliament's Public Accounts and Audit Committee has today tabled the report of its annual review of the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) Major Projects Report (MPR).

The 2012–13 Major Projects Report covers 29 projects with a combined approved budget of \$44.3 billion. It is the sixth to be produced by the DMO and the Australian National Audit Office.

Specific areas of focus in the Committee's review included cost, schedule and capability performance, and governance and business processes.

The report includes recommendations directed at:

- Improving the reporting of budget estimates and actual expenditure;
- Improving the line of sight between the MPR, the Portfolio Budget Statements and Portfolio Budget Estimates Statements;
- Developing a more effective methodology for reporting sustainment activity and expenditure;
- Improving the reporting of slippage post Second Past Approval and acquisition type by approval date;
- Improving the assessment and reporting of statements relating to capability;
- Retaining the publication of project maturity scores until they are no longer required by the JCPAA; and
- Improving reporting on exited major projects.

“While reporting on the expenditure and capability development of major projects is challenging and complex, adequate reporting in these areas gives the public and the Parliament confidence that money is being spent efficiently and effectively.” Committee Chair Andrew Southcott MP said. “Implementation of the Committee's recommendations should further improve reporting at a time when financial accountability is more important than ever.”

The committee's review of the report included a public hearing with the DMO and the Australian National Audit Office.

An electronic copy of the report can be downloaded from the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/jcpaa>

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