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**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Defence Sub-Committee**

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Review of the Defence Annual Report 2012-13

The Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will examine the Department of Defence Annual Report 2012-2013.

Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator David Fawcett (SA), said the review of the Defence Annual Report 2012-13 is an example of the important bi-partisan oversight role played by Committees of the Parliament.

"It provides an opportunity for Members and Senators to take evidence from Defence, industry stakeholders and the public as part of assuring effective performance and transparent reporting by Commonwealth Government Departments," Senator Fawcett said.

For this review, the Defence Sub-Committee has resolved to investigate a range of matters raised in the Defence Annual Report 2012-13 including:

- Submarine capability
 - Status of implementation of recommendations from the Coles Report.
- Defence Materiel Organisation and Capability Development Group
 - Review of Capability Development Improvement Program initiatives and Test and Evaluation support.
- Asset management
 - Management of land and facilities.
 - Major capital facilities program.
- Defence Cooperation Program
 - Status of the program, particularly the Pacific Patrol Boat program.
- Air combat capability
 - The independent review of the New Air Combat Capability and associated reporting.

The Sub-Committee is keen to hear from organisations and individuals who wish to provide a submission on the Defence Annual Report 2012-13. The Sub-Committee will receive written submissions until Thursday, 1 May 2014.

Further details about the inquiry, including how to contribute, can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jfadtd or by contacting the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 2313 or emailing jscfadtd@aph.gov.au.

The Defence Annual Report 2012-13 is available online at:
<http://www.defence.gov.au/AnnualReports/12-13/>

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