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**DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE —**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE**

Inquiry into the Defence Annual Report 2016-17

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## **Review of the Defence Annual Report 2016-17**

The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade has commenced an inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2016-17.

The Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator Linda Reynolds CSC, said the review of the Defence Annual Report was part of the oversight role performed by the Committee.

“Defence is a large, complex department undergoing a number of major reforms whilst undertaking significant capability acquisitions,” Senator Reynolds said.

“The review provides an opportunity for Members and Senators to examine the performance of Defence in achieving the outcomes set by Government. Conducted annually, the reviews enable the Committee to take evidence from the Department on its progress in implementing the strategic reform programs and other matters across the life of the 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament.”

For this review, the Defence Sub-Committee has resolved to investigate a range of matters raised in the Defence Annual Report 2016-17, focussing on:

- Defence performance, including preparedness and operations, corporate and military enablers; and the Defence workforce, including transitioning from the Services;
- Status of the implementation of strategic programs; and
- Capability development and major projects, including projects of concern.

The Sub-Committee is keen to hear from organisations and individuals who may wish to provide a submission on the Defence Annual Report 2016-17 and, specifically, the topics identified. The Sub-Committee will receive written submissions until Friday 23 March 2018.

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