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

Chair: Michael Danby MP
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Defence Proactive on Mental Health

The Joint Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee has today released its *Review of the Defence Annual Report 2009-2010*. As part of its review the Committee looked at ADF mental health reforms and were happy to find that the Defence Department and the ADF in particular, continue to work proactively and sensitively in the area of mental health reform.

The report covers a wide variety of topics including:

- Security of Vital National Assets in the North West of Australia
- ADF Base Security
- Military Justice System Reforms
- DMO - Reform and Procurement (incl implementation status of Defence Procurement and Sustainment Review)

The Committee made one recommendation that the Department of Defence review its practices and procedures to ensure that answers to the Committee's questions on notice are provided in a more timely manner.

Further information is available on the Committee's inquiry website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/jfadt>

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