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

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Committee reviews Defence Annual Report

The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade yesterday released its *Review of the Defence Annual Report 2010-2011*. As part of its review the Committee considered the ADF's involvement in operations within Australia and across the world, and noted that the soldiers, sailors and airmen and women of the ADF continue to conduct professional operations that support Australia's interests and reputation.

The report covers a range of subjects including the Strategic Reform Program, Personnel, Operations, Sustainment, the Joint Strike Fighter, and the Defence cultural reviews.

The Committee made one recommendation that the Department of Defence add a Chapter on the Strategic Reform Program to the Defence Annual Report in order to provide greater transparency of this program. The Committee also resolved to maintain a focus on the Joint Strike Fighter to ensure it does provide Australia with regional air superiority, noting that the 2013 Defence White Paper will provide an opportunity for further scrutiny of this project.

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

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

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