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On Saturday 31 March 2011 the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) marked the 91st anniversary of its formation as an independent service. On Friday 30 March a service was held at the RAAF Memorial Grove near Canberra to commemorate and honour all those who served and are still serving in the RAAF.

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Members from the 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment exit an M113 armoured personnel carrier during Exercise STURT'S GAUNTLET.

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Australian Engineers from the 1st Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force, use their armoured plant equipment to improve the Baluchi Crossing, the only southern entrance to the Baluchi Valley in Oruzgan Province.

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Members of HMAS Parramatta Ships Company depart the gangway to be greeted by their family and friends on the wharf at Sydney's Fleet Base East, after conducting a six month deployment to the Middle East during Op Slipper.

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The Speaker's schedule lists annual reports from agencies within the Defence and Foreign Affairs portfolios as being available for review by the Committee.²

On 24 November 2011 the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade authorised the Defence Sub-Committee to review the Department of Defence Annual Report 2010-2011.

¹ Australian Parliament House Website, Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Resolution of Appointment, <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jfadt/resoltn.htm</u> viewed on 12 June 2012.

² Australian Parliament House Website, Speaker's Schedule: Allocation to Committees of Annual Reports of Departments, Agencies, Authorities and Companies, <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees#roles</u>, viewed on 12 June 2012.

List of Abbreviations

| ACCC | Australian Competition and Consumer Council |
|-------|--|
| ADC | Australian Defence College |
| ADF | Australian Defence Force |
| ADFA | Australian Defence Force Academy |
| ADFRP | Australian Defence Force Rehabilitation Program |
| AEW&C | Airborne Early Warning and Control |
| ANA | Afghan National Army |
| ANSF | Afghan National Security Forces |
| AOSG | Aerospace Operational Support Group |
| APA | Air Power Australia |
| APS | Australian Public Service |
| ARH | Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter |
| ASC | Australian Submarine Corporation |
| ASIC | Australian Securities and Investments Commission |
| ASPI | Australian Strategic Policy Institute |
| C-17 | C-17 Globemaster military transport aircraft |

| CAIV | Cost as an Independent Variable |
|--------|---|
| CAPE | Centre for the Army Profession and Ethic |
| CCTV | Closed Circuit Television |
| CDF | Chief of the Defence Force |
| CDG | Capability Development Group |
| CTOL | Conventional take-off and landing |
| DOD | (United States) Department of Defense |
| DMO | Defence Materiel Organisation |
| F-111 | F-111 Fighter Aircraft |
| F-22 | F-22 Raptor Fighter Aircraft |
| F-35 | F-35 Lightning II (also known as the Joint Strike Fighter) |
| F/A-18 | F/A-18 Hornet Fighter Aircraft |
| FMS | Foreign Military Sales |
| FY | Financial Year |
| GAO | (United States) Government Accountability Office |
| GFC | Global Financial Crisis |
| HMSD | Helmet Mounted Sight and Display |
| HR | Human Resources |
| HMAS | Her Majesty's Australian Ship |
| ICT | Information and Communications Technology |
| IED | |
| | Improvised Explosive Device |
| IFF | Improvised Explosive Device Identification Friend or Foe |
| | |
| IFF | Identification Friend or Foe |

IPP Indigenous Participation Program

- ISAF International Security Assistance Force
- J-20 Chengdu J-20 Fighter
- JPO Joint Project Office
- JSF Joint Strike Fighter (also known as the F-35 Lightning II)
- KPI Key Performance Indicator
- LRIP Low Rate Initial Production
- MEAO Middle East Area of Operations
- MRH90 Multi Role Helicopter
- NACC New Air Combat Capability
- NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- NCO Non-Commissioned Officer
- NH90 Tactical Transport Helicopter (the MRH90 is the Australian version of this helicopter)
- NORFORCE North-West Mobile Force
- OFFCDT Officer Cadet
- OEM Original Equipment Manufacturer
- PAK-FA PAK-FA T-50 Sukhoi Fighter
- PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- PWC Public Works Committee
- RAAF Royal Australian Air Force
- RAN Royal Australian Navy
- RAR Royal Australian Regiment
- SDD System Development and Demonstration Phase

SNCO Senior Non-Commissioned Officer

- SOTG Special Operations Task Group
- SRP Strategic Reform Program
- STOVL Short Take-off and Vertical Landing Variant
- Su-34 Su-34 Sukhoi Fighter Bomber
- Su-35 Su-35 Sukhoi Fighter Aircraft
- SWIIP Support to Wounded, Injured and Ill Program
- UAV Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- US United States
- USAF United States Air Force
- USS United States Ship

List of Recommendations

Recommendation 1

A Strategic Reform Program (SRP) Summary Chapter be added to the Defence Annual Report to provide a consolidated overview of the SRP.