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

Chair: Michael Danby MP
SubComm Chair: Senator Mark Furner

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-12

The Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will examine the Department of Defence Annual Report 2011-2012.

The Chairman of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator Mark Furner, said "Defence is a large, complex department which has supported 16 operations during the financial year, and is undergoing a range of reforms and capability acquisitions. The Sub-Committee's review of the Annual Report will enable it to examine Defence's achievements and explore specific issues."

For this review of the Defence Annual Report, the Defence Sub-Committee has resolved to inquire into the following:

- The Transition/Drawdown of Operations in Afghanistan;
- Force Protection of ADF personnel;
- The Defence Budget;
- Sustainment; and
- Capability Requirements.

In addition, the Sub-Committee will examine the status of the Defence Cultural Reviews/DLA Piper Review, the Strategic Reform Program, and other change initiatives in the course of its review.

The Sub-Committee is keen to hear from organisations and individuals who wish to provide a submission on the Defence Annual Report 2011-12. The Sub-Committee will accept submissions, preferably by email, until Friday 8 February 2013.

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

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jfadt/index.htm. The Defence Annual Report 2011-2012 is available online at: <http://www.defence.gov.au/budget/11-12/dar/>

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