



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

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

Chair: Senator Michael Forshaw
SubComm Chair: The Hon Arch Bevis

MEDIA ALERT

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Review of the Defence Annual Report 2007-08 Public Hearing on 16 April

On 3 December 2008, the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade authorised the Defence Sub-Committee to review the Department of Defence Annual Report 2007-08 at a public hearing.

The Sub-Committee chaired by The Hon Arch Bevis MP (Member for Brisbane, QLD) has resolved to review a range of issues pertaining to the Defence Annual Report 2007-08 including:

- Major Acquisitions
- Seasprite
- The Joint Strike Fighter
- Intellectual Property in Defence procurement
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- The Joint Tactical Light Vehicle
- Australian industry capability and engagement
- The Global Financial Crisis and Defence acquisitions
- Recruitment and retention, including niche skill areas and gender balance
- Services pay
- The ADF's current range of tasks, and
- Submarine escape capabilities and the Perth training facility

**A public hearing will be held in Committee Room 2R1 at Parliament House
Canberra, on 16 and 17 April 2009**

The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Further information on the hearings, including a Full Program and transcripts of previous hearings are available on the Committee's inquiry website at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/defenceannualreport_2007_2008/index.htm

For media inquiries, contact the Sub-Committee Chairman, the Hon Arch Bevis MP on 02 6277 4518 or 07 3356 1555.

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