



Public hearing held on 2009-10 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report

The Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit today held a public hearing into the 2009-10 Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) Major Projects Report (MPR).

The Chief Executive Officer of DMO, Mr Stephen Gumley AO and the Auditor-General, Mr Ian McPhee provided evidence to the committee about issues associated with the 2009-10 DMO MPR and the future 2010-11 DMO MPR.

This is the fourth MPR to be reviewed by the committee and includes reporting on 22 major projects, an increase of seven projects since publication of the previous, 2008-09 DMO MPR. The MPR aims to include a maximum of 30 major projects within the DMO MPR.

"The committee's annual review of the DMO MPR provides ongoing scrutiny of a selection of DMO's major projects. The origin of this was to try and achieve full value-for-money and efficiency with tax payer dollars in what are the big, expensive, long-term defence purchases", Mr Oakeshott said today.

"The considerations for this review are how to expand this work, and how to clarify the criteria in regard to projects selected for audit, as well as projects that should exit the MPR. In addition, consideration of links to projects of concern and the Mortimer Review program are also under review" Mr Oakeshott said.

The transcript from today's hearing will be made available at:

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcpaa/defenceannual0310/index.htm

Further information about the committee's review is available: by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4615, via email jcpaa@aph.gov.au or by visiting the committee's webpage at: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcpaa/index.htm.