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Senator Rex Patrick: asked the Department of Defence on 28 February 2018—

Senator PATRICK: One last question. This is really just to get visibility from an external perspective, so I'm happy to keep it high level. You're clearly getting closer to an idea of what you're going to do over the next couple of years. Could you lay out some milestones and some dates around those on notice?

Rear Adm. Sammut: We could do that on notice. I think we've already given you some dates in responses to some of your questions about when we plan to do a preliminary design review, when we need to do our critical design review in 2022, how that will lead into the introduction to detailed design, when we plan to start doing training in the shipyard on things like a whole qualification section, and also

Senator PATRICK: I just want things like the time lines for the LBTS. I'm not after every single detail. Just so you understand: from a parliamentary perspective, we don't want to delve into every detail, but having a bit of data is one way of us saying, 'Are you running okay on time, on budget and so forth?' Is that okay?

Rear Adm. Sammut: You'd like us to provide that on notice? Yes, we can do that.

Answer —

Key milestones of the Future Submarine Program are as follows:

- Preliminary Design Review – scheduled to conclude in March 2020.
- Critical Design Review – scheduled to conclude in June 2022.
- Operation of the Propulsion System Land Based Test Site – scheduled to commence in 2022/23.
- Operation of the Combat System Physical Integration Facility – scheduled to commence in 2022/23.
- Construction of the first Future Submarine – scheduled to commence in 2022/23.
- Construction of the second Future Submarine – scheduled to commence in 2025/26.
- Sea trials for the first Future Submarine – scheduled to commence in 2031/32.
- Acceptance of first Future Submarine – scheduled for 2032/33.