

Question on notice no. 3359

Senator Rex Patrick: asked the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry on 14 April 2021—

At the shipbuilding inquiry hearing in November 2020, in relation to discussion about analysis regarding matching industry capability to defence requirements and the work done in relation to that, Mr Fraser advised that “... we have visibility now—instead of two layers deep, we're going about 10 layers deep— into our observation of the supply chain”.

1. What is the current status of the mapping or matching of industry capabilities to Defence requirements.
2. How is the Department capturing/documenting this.
3. Dr Sawczak advised that the Department was working with EBS on a feasibility study to advance the mapping, what is the status of this feasibility study.
4. Ms Kate Louis, as the First Assistant Secretary Defence Industry Policy, has previously stated to the Senate committee that such work was being done in 2016 and 2017:
 - a. what happened with that the work and the associated plans; and
 - b. what was the output from that work.

Answer —

See attached document for answer.