

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Information relating to additional estimates 1999–2000

Examination of expenditure for the Defence portfolio (Department of Defence, Defence Housing Authority and Department of Veterans' Affairs)

Please note that the answers are in two parts:

- Part 1 (DEF_ans1_Feb00) contains the answers to portfolio overview, and Groups 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Commander Australian Theatre and Deputy Secretary Strategy.
- Part 2 (DEF_ans2_Feb00) contains the answers to Groups 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Senator *Ques no*

Clarification of answers given at additional estimates

West A clarification of evidence given by Lieutenant General F J Hickling, Chief of Army, on pages 105–106 of the Defence estimates transcript of 9 February 2000. It relates to Senator West's question about the future location of the Australian Defence Force Helicopter School. .

Hogg A clarification of evidence given by Major General Peter Dunn, Head, Defence Personnel Executive, on page 124 of the Defence estimates transcript of 9 February 2000. It relates to Senator Hogg's question about bidders for a Defence tender.

West A clarification of evidence given by Major General Haddad, Commander Support Australia, on page 124 of the Defence estimates transcript of 9 February 2000. It relates to Senator West's question about ring-pull cans in combat ration packs.

Portfolio overview and major corporate issues

- Defence Reform Program
- Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements and Defence Annual Report Overview
- Capital budget: Major capital equipment projects and major capital facilities projects
- Financial statements

Hogg 1 Cost of maintaining personnel levels in the Defence Reform Program

Hogg 2 Naval materiel requirements data management

Hogg 3 Increase in number of positions market testing in ADF explosive ordnance project

<i>Senator</i>	<i>Ques no</i>	
<i>Hogg</i>	4	Decrease in numbers market tested for Defence integrated distribution system
<i>Faulkner</i>	5	Name of report by Mr Prescott and Dr McIntosh
<i>Faulkner</i>	6	Issues related to the report: appointment of the under secretary
<i>Faulkner</i>	7	Appointment of the head of the Australian Imagery Organisation
<i>Faulkner</i>	8	Personal briefings to minister from Deutsche Ban
<i>Hogg</i>	9	Changes to DRP reinvestment program
<i>Hogg</i>	10	Expected redundancies under the Defence Reform Program
<i>Faulkner</i>	11	Disaggregate the cost of the Prescott-McIntosh report
<i>Faulkner</i>	12,13	Involvement of Minister McLachlan in the appointment of Mr Barratt as Secretary, Department of Defence
<i>Faulkner</i>	14	Minister's agreement to conduct a staff briefing on the reform of Defence Headquarters
<i>West</i>	15	Integrated economic advice section within the Department of Defence
<i>Brownhill</i>	16	Cost to Defence of the overall estimates process
<i>Hogg</i>	W1	Costs of implementing accrual budgeting and the new tax system
<i>Hogg</i>	W2	Bad debts written off by department for 1998–1999
<i>Hogg</i>	W3	Response by government and the department to the <i>HMAS Sydney</i> report
<i>Hogg</i>	W4	Responsibility for, and concerns over the commercial support program
<i>Hogg</i>	W5	Use of, and cost to, the department of consultants <i>Attachment: Department of Defence DEFPUR 30 Proforma request for tender, for the provision of consultancy/professional services, 1999.</i>

Chief of Navy—Group 2

<i>Hogg</i>	17	Trip to US by Defence officials to investigate Kidd Class destroyers
<i>Hogg</i>	18	Number of personnel in patrol boat force
<i>Hogg</i>	W6	Navy's actions with regard to the <i>HMAS Westralia</i> accident
<i>Hogg</i>	W7	Variation to Output 7, capability for afloat support
<i>Hogg</i>	W8	Loss of extra Navy personnel from permanent force

Chief of Army—Group 3

<i>West</i>	19	Staff implications in the establishment of a Special Forces Training Centre
<i>West</i>	20	Resource availability to remedy the readiness shortfall
<i>West</i>	21	Cancelled or postponed Army exercises for 1998–1999
<i>West</i>	22	Sustainability issues for expanding the Ready Deployment Force and deploying personnel to East Timor
<i>Hogg</i>	W9	Timely Defence personnel awareness of deployment plans
<i>Hogg</i>	W10	Primary purposes of the Army Bomb Squad and cost to the community
<i>Hogg</i>	W11	Squirrel helicopters flying hours, courses and student failure rate
<i>Hogg</i>	W12	Global positioning system equipment for ADF foot and mounted units
<i>Hogg</i>	W13	Corrosion of Army's Black Hawk helicopter fleet based in Townsville

Chief of Air Force—Group 4

<i>Quirke</i>	23	Levels and duties of nine extra civilian personnel with RAAF
<i>Quirke</i>	24	RAAF students enrolled in National Test Pilot School in California
<i>Hogg</i>	W14	Navy's sea mining capability—delivery of aerial sea mines from F-111

<i>Senator</i>	<i>Ques no</i>	
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W15</i>	Output 13, increase in military employee costs
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W16</i>	Special purpose aircraft–RAAF VIP fleet
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W17</i>	Introduction into service of the C130J aircraft

Commander Australian Theatre

Output 1–Command of operations

<i>Faulkner</i>	<i>25</i>	Memorandum of Understanding for Defence contributions to the Olympic Games
<i>Quirke</i>	<i>26</i>	Unauthorised and negligent discharges of firearms by Australian ADF forces deployed in East Timor

Deputy Secretary Strategy–Output 20

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>27</i>	ADF assistance to Thailand to implement military reforms
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Defence Headquarters–Group 1

<i>Quirke</i>	<i>28</i>	Funding pay increases and one off payments from \$380m
<i>West</i>	<i>29</i>	Maintaining readiness level of 1 st Brigade on return from East Timor
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>30</i>	Inspector General investigations and convictions of fraud
<i>West</i>	<i>31</i>	Requests from Indonesia regarding information on human rights abuse and war crimes in East Timor
<i>West</i>	<i>32</i>	Security breaches across Defence and remedial action
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W18</i>	Full cost of activities conducted under output 21
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W19</i>	International activities of the ADF and the annual cost; number and rank of defence attaches overseas; official visits scheduled by the Minister for Defence; inventory consumption line item for output 20; increase in military personnel costs compared to original budget estimates
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W20</i>	Cessation of funding for the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, and, sponsorship of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W21</i>	Costs of services being provided by Defence to the Sydney Olympics
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W22</i>	Contractors being used by the ADF in East Timor–number and cost etc
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W23</i>	Implementation of the Defence police and security management system
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W24</i>	Number and nature of investigations conducted by Inspector General
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W25</i>	Ability of the department and ADF to identify how many missiles etc it held and where they were stored
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W26</i>	Space based infra-red system (SBIRS) and the Pine Gap facility
<i>Bourne</i>	<i>W27</i>	Outcomes measured against performance indicators for Output 20
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W28</i>	Reserves–policy changes, changes to legislation concerning service of reserves, review of reservists’ pay to account for GST
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W29</i>	Review of the Australian Services Cadet Scheme

Chairman Defence Intelligence Board

Output 2; Group 5–Intelligence

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W30</i>	Implementation of recommendations of the Defence Signals Directorate Dudgeon Report
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>W31</i>	Intelligence exchange arrangements between Australia and its allies

Group 6—Support command

West	33	Tender to supply can openers to the ADF/Army
Hogg	W32	Establishment of the ‘through-life support disciplines project’
Hogg	W33	Change in inventory holding methodology in the ADF
Hogg	W34	Reclassification of \$370m of inventory from current assets to non-current assets
Hogg	W35	Out-sourcing for explosive ordnance; the Defence integrated distribution system; F-111 avionics, and C130 avionics and maintenance

Group 7—Defence personnel executive

Hogg	34	Award of a Defence contract awarded to Chemwatch
Hogg	W36	Implementation of Phase 1 of PMKEYS personnel management
Hogg	W37	Recruiting and retention of part-time and full-time forces
Hogg	W38	Terms of appointment of CDF, VCDF and the service chiefs
Hogg	W39	Appraisal by consultant of all two star appointees within the CDF
Hogg	W40	Retention of Australian medical units in East Timor
Hogg	W41	Adequacy of nursing officer numbers within the ADF
Hogg	W42	Health of ADF personnel in East Timor
Hogg	W43	Studies listed on page 249 of the annual report <i>Attachments to the answer, listed below, are not published in this volume. However, the title page, ISBN/ISSN page (when available) and contents pages are included. One full set of the studies is held by the secretariat.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fatigue in the Royal Australian Navy: A Review of Literature and Analysis of Potential Fatigue Levels.2. Work on the development of the tri-Service performance appraisal instruments is continuing and <u>no report has yet been produced.</u>3. The ADF Reserve Health Specialist Survey of Fixed Practice Costs.4. Occupational Analysis Reports: Navy Pilots; Army Loadmaster5. Surveys of Gender and Sex-Related Harassment at: <i>HMAS Creswell, HMAS Cerberus</i>, 1 Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka, Recruit Training Unit, RAAF Base Edinburgh, RAAF Officer Training School, and, Royal Military College
Hogg	W44	Blueprint of the communication strategy for personnel issues: use of a consultant to develop the strategy, monitoring the project, and, the cost to the department <i>The attachment to the answer, listed below, is not published in this volume. However, the title page, ISBN/ISSN page (when available) and contents pages are included. One complete copy is held by the secretariat.</i> Publication is entitled ‘The future of remuneration in Defence—Strategic approach to change management. Stage 1—Communication strategy and activity plan, March 30, 1999’
Hogg	W45	Defence employees industrial agreement
Hogg	W46	Review of service allowance for ADF members; flow-on to ensure parity with the department; effect of ADF pay increases on the five year plan; list of allowances reportable under the new fringe benefit tax scheme

Senator Ques no

Group 8–Acquisition

Hogg	35	Membership of the Defence Industry Advisory Council
Hogg	36	Ministerial involvement in the sale of ADI
Hogg	37	Involvement of Mr Prescott in the sale of ADI
Hogg	38	Timetable for the source selection board for the AEW&C
Hogg	39	Variations in the PBS–projects in table 1.7
Hogg	W47	Changes to the Defence Acquisition Organisation by the new Under Secretary for Acquisition
Hogg	W48	Status of Project Wedgetail

Group 9–Science and technology

Hogg	W49	Impact on DSTO of the move from Maribyrnong to Fishermans Bend
Hogg	W50	DSTO to extend research to protect the ADF from biological weapons
Hogg	W51	DSTO to develop devices to detect and identify biological substances
Hogg	W52	Types of hazardous materials being used in this research
Hogg	W53	Timing of a program in Defence against biological warfare agents and an announcement regarding research on pathogenic micro-organisms
Hogg	W54	Research report recommendation on detection of ‘foreign’ bio-aerosols
Hogg	W55	Protecting the environment from hazardous biological agents
Hogg	W56	DSTO research in antidotes for deadly toxins
Hogg	W57	Australia’s role and capability in international biological warfare defence, and, Australia’s access to biological defence information

Group 10–Defence estate

Hogg	W58	Increased costs for Wagga Wagga and Mt Macedon Disaster Centre
Hogg	W59	Proposed closure of RAAF Fairbairn
Hogg	W60	Protection of airfield at Jaspers Brush near Nowra, NSW
Hogg	W61	Update of properties to be disposed this year and next year and the expected return for their disposal
Hogg	W62	Performance targets for Defence estate

Group 11–Defence information systems

Hogg	40	Competitive process in replacing mainframe computers
Hogg	W63	Impact of Y2K bug on the department or ADF

Group 12–Defence corporate support

Hogg	41	Incident of Defence personnel being drunk in Dili, East Timor
Hogg	42	Tender price for garrison support on the NSW south coast
Hogg	43	Malfunction of analogue-based security systems at Defence facilities

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<i>Hogg</i>	W64 Alcohol-related incidents involving ADF personnel in Darwin
<i>Hogg</i>	W65 Treatment by military police in East Timor of misdemeanours by servicemen from other nations
<i>Hogg</i>	W66 Writs against the Commonwealth by naval personnel involved in the HMAS Melbourne/HMAS Voyager collision in 1964

Volumes of additional information relating to 1999–2000 estimates

Budget estimates

Additional information, volume 1, August 1999 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Defence Outputs 1–22, across Groups 1–14. The volume also contains answers relating to the Defence Housing Authority.

Additional information, volume 2, August 1999 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Veterans' Affairs Outcomes 1–4.

Additional information, volume 3, August 1999 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Foreign Affairs and Trade Outputs 1, 2 and 3, The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade), Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).

Budget supplementary estimates

Additional information, volume 4, February 2000 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Defence Outputs 1–20, across Groups 1–12. The volume also contains answers to questions on notice relating to Veterans' Affairs Outcomes 1–4.

Additional information, volume 5, February 2000 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Foreign Affairs and Trade Outputs 1.1.1 to 1.2.7, The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

Additional estimates

Additional information, volume 1, April 2000 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Defence Outputs 1–22, across Groups 1–14. The volume also contains answers relating to Veterans' Affairs.

Additional information, volume 2, April 2000 contains answers to questions on notice relating to Foreign Affairs and Trade Outputs 1, 2 and enabling services, The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

Note:

Departments sometimes provide thick reports, large maps and bulky documents as attachments to answers to questions on notice. Large attachments are not incorporated into volumes of additional information in order to conserve paper and electronic storage space. However, the title page, ISBN/ISSN (if provided) and table of contents of each document are included with the relevant answer. If you wish to examine a particular document, please contact the estimates officer in the secretariat.