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Question:

- a) What is the planned date for the handover of HMAS Collins to the Navy?
- b) What is the planned date of departure for HMAS Collins from ASC?
- c) How long will HMAS Collins have spent at ASC?

Answer:

- a) The planned date for the handover of HMAS Collins to the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) is 22 March 2016. This date is currently subject to review in light of the recommendations of the *Study into the Business of Sustaining Australia's Strategic Collins Class Submarine Capability*, released in November 2012, on the fleet Usage Upkeep Cycle (UUC).
- b) The planned departure date of HMAS Collins will be some time after the date of handover to the RAN as dictated by the boat's operational program. As an indication, usual practice for submarines leaving a Full Cycle Docking (FCD) is to undertake Harbour Acceptance Testing and training phase of approximately two months to be undertaken following return of the submarine to the RAN and prior to sailing.
- c) At the planned handover date HMAS Collins will have spent 1,346 days (192 weeks) at ASC.