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Topic: Ratio of office to production staff using 2010 method of calculation

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Question:

In a 2010 Sustainment Benchmarking study between Australia, the United States and Sweden's submarine sustainment organisation (in which ASC participated) and supplied to the Committee by Defence the following was stated:

- Sweden has an office staff (111) to production personnel (347) ratio of 1:3.1
- Australia has an office staff (296) to production staff (394) ratio of 1:1.3

Using the same method for calculation as was used in 2010 study, what is the current office staff to production staff ratio in the submarine sustainment organisation?

Answer:

ASC has been unable to replicate the method of calculation as used in the 2010 study as this was done by external agencies.

ASC advises that its current ratio of contracted production support personnel to production personnel in the delivery of Collins Maintenance Activities is 1:1.87.