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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Defence Sub Committee

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Chair: Senator Alan Ferguson
SubComm Chair: Hon. Bruce Scott MP

Australia's defence force regional air superiority

Public Hearing

**Friday, 31 March 2006
9:30 AM
Committee Room 2R1
Parliament House, Canberra**

Parliament's Defence Sub Committee is conducting a public hearing into Australia's defence force regional air superiority on the morning of Friday 31 March 2006 in Canberra.

The Committee will be reviewing issues relating to the maintenance of Australia's regional air superiority.

Announcing the public hearings, the Sub Committee Chair, the Hon Bruce Scott MP said, "Australia's decision to participate in the Joint Strike Fighter program, upgrade its F/A-18 Hornets and retire the F-111 fleet by 2010 has raised the issue of ensuring that Australia maintains regional air superiority in the future."

The Committee will take evidence from the Commonwealth Department of Defence as well as a range of private individuals.

Hearing Program

9:30 AM	Mr Peter Goon and Dr Carlo Kopp
10:10 AM	Dr Alan Stephens
11:00 AM	Kokoda Foundation
11:40 AM	Department of Defence
12:30 PM	Dr Dennis Jensen MP

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