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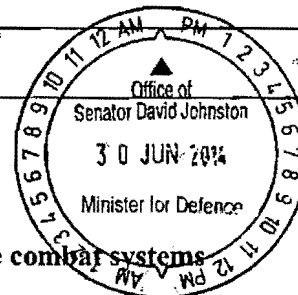
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Reason:

For Action: Minister for Defence

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Briefing request from Senator David Fawcett regarding Collins submarine combat systems

Purpose:

To provide you with a draft letter of response to Senator David Fawcett, Liberal Senator for South Australia, regarding his request to continue engagement with CAPT Mark Hammond (RAN).

Key Points:

1. Senator David Fawcett, Liberal Senator for South Australia wrote to you on 22 May 2014, seeking approval to continue engagement with CAPT Mark Hammond (RAN) on the combat system employed on the Collins Class submarine (Attachment A).
2. In his correspondence, Senator Fawcett advised that he discussed the Collins Class submarine and its combat system with CAPT Hammond during a recent visit of the Defence sub-committee to the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. At the direction of CAPT Hammond and in keeping with policy governing such discussions, Senator Fawcett is now seeking your approval to continue his discussion with CAPT Hammond on the Collins Class submarine combat system, particularly as it relates to Australian industry involvement.
3. CAPT Hammond is not the most suitable person to discuss the Program with Senator Fawcett. To provide Senator Fawcett with a comprehensive briefing on the Collins Class submarine and combat system programs, I would recommend that RADM Gregory Sammut, Head Future Submarine Program brief Senator Fawcett directly.
4. A draft letter of response to Senator Fawcett is at Attachment B for your consideration.

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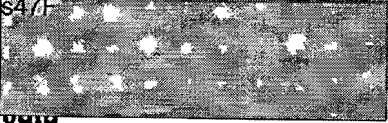
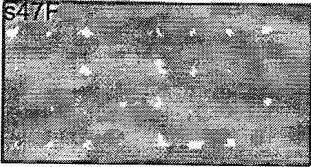
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Recommendation:

That you:

- i. **Sign** the draft letter of response to Senator Fawcett at Attachment B.

Signed / Not Signed

<p>Approved By  David Cochrane General Manager Submarines 24 June 2014</p>	
<p>Contact Officer: Mr David Cochrane</p>	<p>Phone: 02 6265 4127</p>
<p>David Johnston  / / Comments / Supplementary tasking:</p>	

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Resources:

5. N/A.

Consultation:

6. CDRE Peter Scott RAN, Director General Submarine Capability

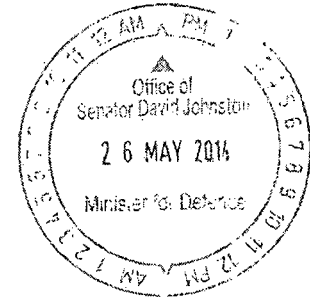
Attachments:

A. Correspondence from Senator David Fawcett, Liberal Senator for South Australia of 22 May 2014.

B. Draft letter of response to Senator Fawcett.



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
SENATOR DAVID FAWCETT
 Liberal Senator for South Australia



Senator Hon David Johnston
 Minister for Defence
 Parliament House
 Canberra ACT 2600

22 May 2014

Dear Minister

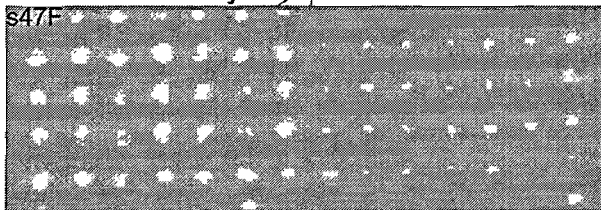
At a recent Defence sub-committee visit to the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies I was speaking with Captain Mark Hammond RAN about the Collins Class submarine and in particular the combat system being employed.

Captain Hammond indicated that with appropriate approvals he was happy to discuss SEA 1000 and the combat system in further detail.

I seek your approval for Captain Hammond and myself to continue our discussion on the Collins submarine combat system, particularly as it relates to Australian industry involvement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely



SENATOR DAVID FAWCETT
 Liberal Senator for South Australia
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Minister for Defence correspondence

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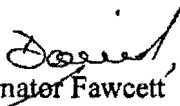
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**Senator the Hon David Johnston
Minister for Defence**

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Senator David Fawcett
Senator for South Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600


Dear Senator Fawcett

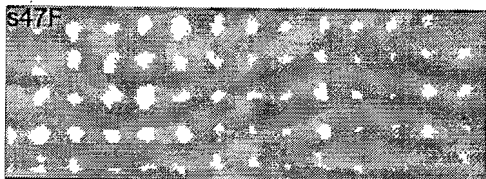
Thank you for your letter of 22 May 2014 seeking approval to continue engagement with Captain Mark Hammond RAN on the combat system employed on the Collins Class submarine.

To ensure that you receive a comprehensive briefing on the current status of the Collins Class submarine and combat system programs, I would like to extend an invitation for you to be briefed by Rear Admiral Greg Sammut, Head Future Submarine Program.

To arrange a suitable time for this briefing, your office should contact Ms Lauren Benson on telephone (02) 6265 5770 or by email lauren.benson@defence.gov.au.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



David Johnston

- 2 JUL 2014