



THE HON. JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Minister for Defence

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GOVERNMENT TO INVEST IN IMPROVED LOGISTICS PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

The Minister for Defence, the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP, announced today that the Government will improve logistics planning, management and execution through better systems, practices and facilities.

“Targeted investment in logistics technology will improve and give greater visibility of the whole supply chain,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

“This new funding will provide the necessary information communications technology hardware commonly used in industry, including Automated Identification Technology and bar coding capabilities for enhanced visibility of Defence stock.

“Adoption of automated technologies together with improved business processes and procedures will achieve productivity gains of between 40-50 per cent.”

The new technology is part of a broader reform package that will focus on optimising inventory holdings through improved modelling and analysis of inventory requirements. Defence aims to reduce inventory holdings and to improve alignment between inventory holdings and actual demand.

The 2009 Defence White Paper represents the most comprehensive statement on Defence ever produced. It affirms the Government’s commitment to the defence of Australia, the protection of our sovereign interests and the security and stability of our region.

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