



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Senator the Hon Robert Hill
Minister for Defence
Parliament House

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Dear Minister

We hereby present the annual report of the Department of Defence for the year ended 30 June 2005. This report has been prepared in accordance with Section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

Subsection 63(1) of the Act requires that our report to you be tabled in the Parliament.

The report summarises the performance of Defence for 2004-05, and includes other mandatory information required by legislation.

In accordance with Section 45 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and pursuant to Regulation 19 of that Act, we are satisfied that Defence has prepared appropriate fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans, and has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection, investigation and reporting procedures and processes that meet the specific needs of Defence and comply with the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines 2002.

Yours sincerely

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R C Smith AO, PSM
Secretary
Department of Defence

Handwritten signature of A G Houston in black ink.

A G Houston AO, AFC
Air Chief Marshal
Chief of the Defence Force

