



STEVE WEARN

Steve joined the Australian Public Service in 1981. His early career moves within Defence provided a strong background and emphasis on planning, analysis, resource management, HRM (human resource management) and public sector reform.

From 1990 to 1995, Steve was responsible for the resource planning and management of the Defence Acquisitions and Logistics Organisation, a precursor to the now Defence Material Organisation. In 1995 he moved over to a similar role within the Australian Army. Whilst in Army, Steve managed a major cultural shift and significant project which addressed the way Army planned and managed it business. He was rewarded for his efforts in this field in 1999 by receiving a Chief of Army Commendation.

The year 2000 saw Steve complete the Defence Staff Course and Defence Strategic Studies Course at the Australian

Defence College, now the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies.

On his return he became the Director of Future Capability Resource Analysis, within Capability Planning Branch responsible for monitoring and reporting the Department's implementation of the 2000 White Paper and providing independent advice on future capability, force structure and strategic policy.

In March 2002, Steve moved to the position of Assistant Secretary Resource Analysis and Performance responsible for performance and financial analysis of the Capital, Workforce and Operating elements of the Defence Budget.

In Feb 2003 he moved to the position of Director General of Navy Business Management (Navy's CFO). As such, Steve was responsible for the Royal Australian Navy's resource and business management activities. He is also the senior civilian officer with the Navy.

In 2006 Steve returned to the position as the Assistant Secretary Resource Analysis and Performance for 12 months before moving to the position of Assistant Secretary Planning and Budgeting, where he is responsible for the development of the Defence Budget.

Steve was promoted to the First Assistant Secretary Budgets and Financial Planning mid 2007 where he was responsible for aspects relating to the planning, resourcing and management of the \$22 billion Defence Budget.

Currently, he is the Chief Finance Officer of the Defence Materiel Organisation.

He holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management from Flinders University, a Graduate Diploma in Strategic Studies from the Australian Defence College and a Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors.