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For Action: Minister for Defence

Through: *[Signature]*

For Info: Mr Clare

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Subject: Amphibious and Afloat Support Capability Planning

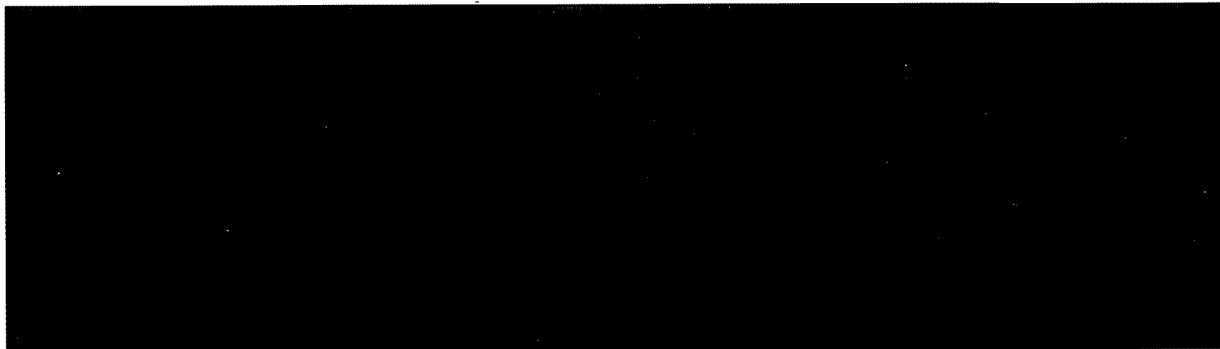
Purpose:

To inform you of Navy's plan to deliver amphibious and afloat support capability over the next 12 months.

Key Points:

1. The current Australian amphibious fleet consists of HMAS *Tobruk*, HMAS *Choules* and six Landing Craft Heavy, reducing to three in December 2012, as well as support from Army in the form of LCM 8 landing craft.

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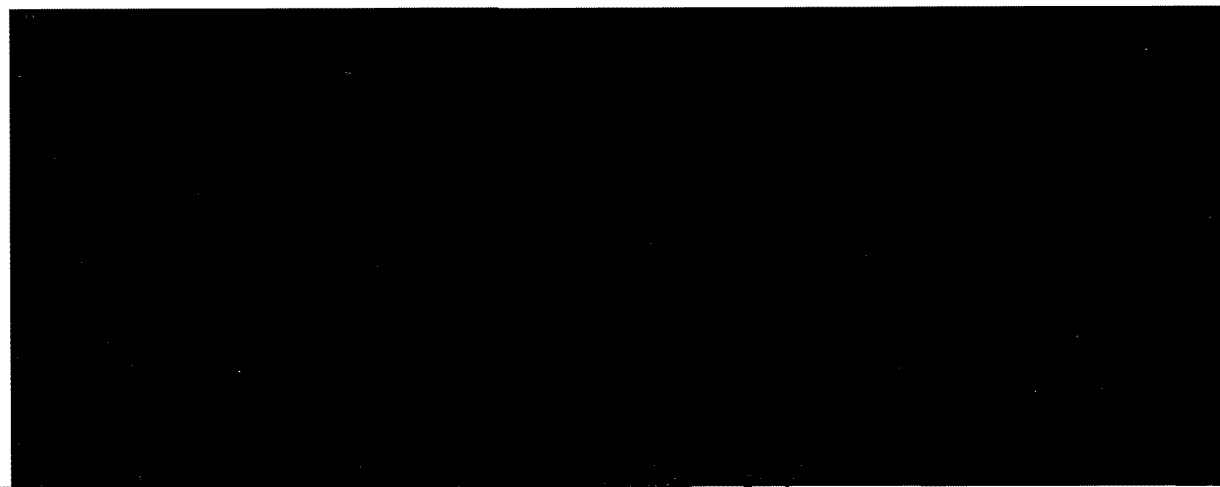


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4. *Choules* recently suffered a defect on one of her propulsion transformers and is currently alongside at Fleet Base East undertaking defect investigation and subsequent repair. Based on current repair estimates, the vessel is not expected to be available for tasking until mid December 2012. On return to sea in December 2012 she is expected to be available for tasking until May 2013 when she will enter a maintenance period for her annual certification period.

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Recommendation:

That you:

- i. **Note the current state of Navy's Amphibious and Afloat Support fleet**
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- ii. **Note the planned Amphibious and Afloat Support fleet activity schedule for 2012/2013**
Noted / Please Discuss

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Resources:

9. N/A.

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Consultation:

10. Acting Head Maritime Systems within the Defence Materiel Organisation (CDRE Houghton) has been consulted and agrees to this submission. [REDACTED]

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Conflict of Interest:

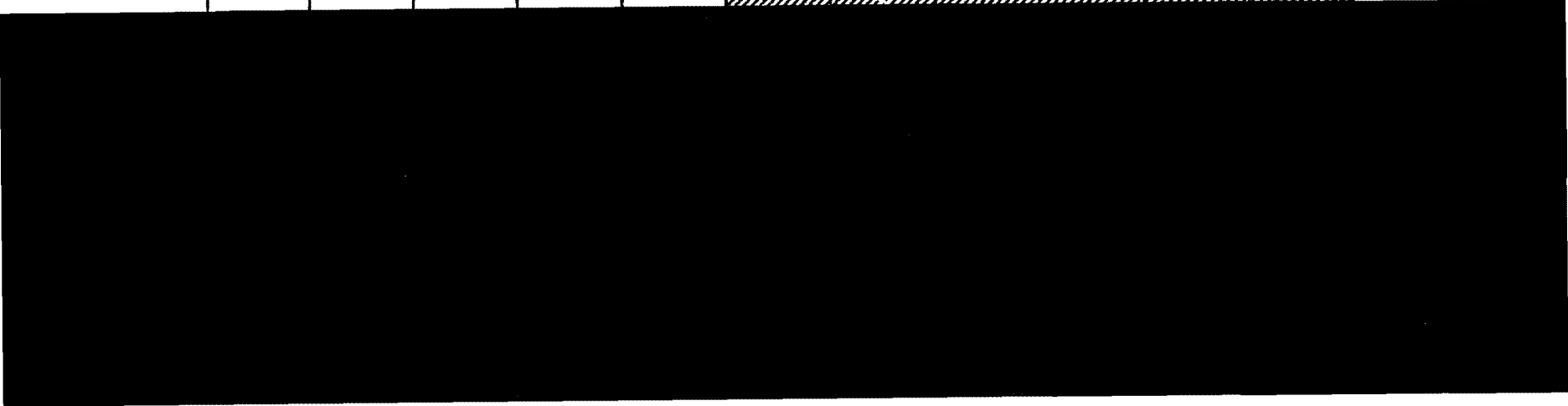
11. The Minister for Defence and the Minister for Defence Materiel have declared a potential conflict of interest in relation to their portfolio responsibilities. Controls have been established by Defence and the Defence Materiel Organisation to minimise the risk of any conflict actually arising in relation to those responsibilities. Taking into account the Ministers' declarations, at this time we assess that no conflict of interest for the Minister arises in relation to Unisys – Minister Smith and Julzar Pty Ltd trading as MPM Marketing Services, Sodexo Australia or Serco Sodexo Defence Services or could reasonably be perceived to arise, from the matters raised in this submission. Should any matter which could give rise to an actual or perceived conflict of interest arise at a later time, any future submissions and contact will be through the alternate Minister as identified in the controls.

Attachment:

A. Amphibious and Afloat Support Availability 2012-2013

Amphibious and Afloat Support Fleet Availability 2012/2013

		2012					2013							
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Amphibious Choules							///	///	///	///	///			
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- Available for Band 1 tasking
- Not Available
- Sea trails
- Cyclone Season

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