



## THE HON. JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Minister for Defence

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### GOVERNMENT AGREES TO AN OUTPUT FOCUSED BUSINESS MODEL FOR DEFENCE

“To improve accountability and better manage resources, the Government has directed that Defence implement a new output focused business model,” the Minister for Defence, the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP said today.

“This measure will create greater transparency on cost and performance and provide the capability managers with the incentives, responsibility and accountability needed to drive substantial reforms in the way Defence operates,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

Central to this model is giving the capability managers much greater control of the total cost of delivering their capability outputs, including their support costs.

“This is a very substantial change and one which will drive down the support costs and free up more money to deliver greater capability to the men and women of our Defence Force,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

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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