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Submission: I provided a written submission by post but wish to draw the Committee's attention to the following by way of addendum. My submission predicted that Government will likely reduce the buy of JSF because they would be too expensive to fit with the Defence budget. The Australian on 11 September predicted that the buy would be halved. See http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24327437-31477,00.html

I also wrote the the JSF will underperform, is a project at risk of failure, and cannot compete with regional Sukhoi aircraft from Russia. That has now been confirmed by the the Sydney Morning Herald at http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/151m-planes-a-disaster/2008/09/13/1220857899066.html. It has also been confirmed by the US military in computer modelling of combat scenarios. See the Australian at: http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,24328813-31477,00.html?from=public_rss Apparently the Sukhois "clubbed the JSF like puppy seals".

The SMH article now names the purchase price for each JSF at $151 million. It was supposed to be $35 million when Australia signed onto the program. That makes it more expensive than the vastly superior F-22 Raptor. The Defence Department refused to consider the Raptor because it was too expensive.

Regards

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I agree to my submission being published on the Defence website

I agree to my submission being quoted in the Community Consultation Report