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Submission: with the embarrassing number of poor decisions and project managemet stuff ups and the Defence Depts inability to argue its case and the resultant bad publicity and criticism of selections and above all the frustration at Defence' incompetancy by the long suffering taxpayer , the Minister should and must have a separate unit comprising external, independant, trusted specialists to review, endorse , reject or modify all major acquisition programmes recommended by Defence Dept. This would illiminate the time wasted with enquiries, avoid the lack of confidence which the fighting people endure and ensure ego driven decisions by badly informed CDF or CAF dont prevail. such a unit would provide cheap insurance that decisions were based on facts and not group think by the yes men.It seams to me the technical intricacies of many projects are too complex for the minister to be able to sift through and be sure and he therefore inevitably toes the 'company line'... he cant be such an expert but is expected to wear the consequences...which is totally unrealistic with some very sophisticated highly technical purchases.

the ACCP is an excellent case inpoint.

and the taxpayer would have confidence that EVERYTHING is done to provide the best equipment we can afford.It also gets round the deceitfull practice of countering any criticism with statements referring to "classified material" which frankly nobody believes.

I agree to my submission being published on the Defence website

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