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On 13 Mar 2019, at 7:44 am, s47E(d) wrote:

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Thanks s47E(d) – s22

Well, we will be sending up a noting minsub in relation to the awarding of the SICP grants, I within the next week or so s22

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SOVEREIGN INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITY GRANT – ROUND ONE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Urgency N/A

Recommendations That you:		
1. note the first round of Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority (SICP) Grant applications has been finalised.		1. Noted / Please discuss
2. note successful recipients have been notified and all have accepted the agreement offers.		2. Noted / Please discuss
3. note all successful recipients have extended an invitation to the Minister to visit their business.		3. Noted / Please discuss
4. note draft Media Release at <u>Attachment B</u> .		4. Noted / Please discuss
Signature: Linda Reynolds/...../2019		
Contact Officer:	Alexandra Kelton	Assistant Secretary Defence Industry
		Ph: s47E(d) M: s22

Key Points:

- The first round of Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority (SICP) Grant applications have been finalised.
- The first seven recipients of \$2.6 million of funding from the Australian Government's \$17 million SICP Grant program have now been notified and all have accepted the agreement offers. Details of offers are at Attachment A.
- Seven applications were received on the first round, all were deemed eligible for merit assessment under the program's guidelines. Assessment of the applications was conducted between January and February by representatives from the Department of Defence and the Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC).
- The decision to fund the grants was based on Defence sovereign industrial capability policy, and also taking into consideration the Government's vision for defence industry to maximise opportunities for our local industry to have a chance to support Defence. The assessment panel sought strategic and technical advice from within Defence, and that advice was considered when making the final recommendations.
- Successful recipients have been asked to coordinate media activity on the awarding of their grants as part of a ministerial announcement. Media Release at Attachment B.

- All recipients have extended an invitation to you to visit their premises and see the work they are conducting to support Australia's sovereign industrial capabilities.
- The second round which opened on 17 January closed on 13 March 2019. s47E(d) s47E(d). The CDIC is currently conducting eligibility checks. We forecast to have this round completed by no later than mid-April 2019.
- Should you wish individual events or media releases to announce each grant, this can be arranged. The Department will liaise with your office on requirements. Attachment A details the location of the recipients.

Cleared by:

Dr Sheridan Kearnan

First Assistant Secretary Defence Industry Policy

Strategic Policy & Intelligence Division

Ph: s47E(d)

M: s22

15 March 2019

Background:

- On 21 November 2018, the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants program was launched by the former Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Steven Ciobo MP.
- The Grants will help Australian Small to Medium Enterprises to invest in projects that build capabilities aligned with Defence Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities.
- For further background information please refer to the previous brief MS18-003581 - Launch of the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority and Defence Global Competitiveness Grant programs.

Sensitivity: YES.

- The Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities are of high interest to industry, the states and territory governments.

Financial Impacts:

- The funding for the Grants programs will be allocated from the existing Defence budget.

Regulatory Implications: Nil.

Consultation: YES.

- Business Grant Hub - AusIndustry; Centre for Defence Industry Capability.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Sovereign Industrial Capability Grants Funding Round One.

Attachment B: Media Release and announcement options.

Attachment A

Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants – Round One

Application	Grant Value	18/19	19/20	20/21	Project Description (approved by the business)	Project State	Project Electorate
AQUATERRO ADVANCED PRODUCT SUPPLIES	627,682	s47G			Aquaterro is improving storage and firearms testing infrastructure with the aim of manufacturing and/or assembling small arms. Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grant funding will be used to construct an indoor shooting range and secure storage vault.	VIC	Isaacs

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From: s47E(d)
To: s47F
Cc: s47E(d)
Subject: RE: For MINDIO clearance: MINDI MR Industrial capability priority grants [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 22 March 2019 2:34:59 PM

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Hi s47F

DIP are asking when the office needs this.

They'd like to know when the announcement will be made s22

Regards

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Public Affairs Officer | Media and Communication
Ministerial Executive Co-ordination & Communication (MECC) Division

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Thanks, s47E(d) Are you able to go back to DIP and see if they can incorporate a cameo or two into this release to showcase example/s of what the grants are doing? s22

Cheers

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s47F Office of Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds csc
Minister for Defence Industry
Minister for Emergency Management and North Queensland Recovery
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s47F | Parliament House | CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Good morning s47F

Please see attached MINDI MR on Industrial capability priority grants for MINDIO clearance.

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Regards

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Date: Friday, 29 March 2019 5:18:42 PM
Attachments: s22

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Afternoon s47F

Seeking MINDIO clearance for attached MINDI MR and s22 shell releases on the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants program.

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Regards

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Attachments: [2019-04-04-MR-SICP Grants.docx](#)

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Good afternoon Media

Can you please distribute the attached media release nationally at 1600 today.

Cheers

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Office of Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC
Minister for Defence Industry | Minister for Emergency Management and North Queensland
Recovery

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SENATOR THE HON LINDA REYNOLDS CSC

Minister for Defence Industry
Minister for Emergency Management and North Queensland Recovery
Senator for Western Australia

MEDIA RELEASE

SOVEREIGN INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITY PRIORITY GRANTS

XX Date 2019

The first seven recipients of the Liberal and Nationals Government's largest individual defence industry grants program were announced today.

Minister for Defence Industry, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC said the recipients would benefit from a \$2.6 million investment from the \$17 million Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants program.

"This dedicated program will assist Australian small-to-medium enterprises to invest in projects that build industrial capabilities aligned with the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities announced in the 2018 *Defence Industrial Capability Plan*," Minister Reynolds said.

"Of the seven recipients, three are from Victoria, two from New South Wales, one from the Australian Capital Territory and one from Queensland.

"The projects range from improving storage and firearm testing infrastructure, enhancing capabilities in advanced cyber security, through to developing Australia's first military quality crystal manufacturing capacity.

"The Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants are designed to encourage participation by Australia's small-to-medium enterprises in the largest modernisation

of the Australian Defence Force since the Second World War,” Minister Reynolds said.

“For example, Mellori Solutions is enhancing their ability to repair and maintain electronic warfare simulators in Australia with the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grant funding to be used to build an electronic warfare support laboratory.

“Defendtex is also doing important work to develop Australia's first military quality crystal growing capability and will use grant funding to install a manufacturing line for the piezo electric crystal.”

The Government is investing more than \$200 billion in defence capability over the next decade with the intention of growing defence industry and the economy, and helping create new jobs.

Applications for this grant program can be made at any time. The next round closes on 8 May 2019.

For more details visit: www.business.gov.au/centre-for-defence-industry-capability

Media contact: s47F

*Office of Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, Minister for Defence Industry, WA,
Australia*

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Ministerial Brief for Action

MS20-000023

FOR: Minister for Defence Industry
INFO: Minister for Defence

Action Requested By: N/A
Reason for Urgency: N/A

Copies to: Secretary, CDF, Associate Secretary, VCDF, FASMECC, DEPSEC SP&I,
FASDIP

Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grant Program - Batch 5

Key Issues:

On 28 November 2019, 11 Australian companies were successful in batch five of the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority (SICP) Grant program and were awarded a combined \$4.9 million.

Successful recipients will wait for the ministerial announcement before conducting their own media activities. A media release is at [Attachment A](#).

Since its launch in November 2018, the SICP Grant program has awarded \$22 million to 43 Australian businesses. Details of the successful and unsuccessful applicants and grants for batch five are at [Attachments B and C](#).

Recommendation:

That you:

- 1) **agree** to announce the SICP Grant program batch five results via a media release at [Attachment A](#).

Decision:

Agreed / Not Agreed

Media Considerations: There has been a strong interest in the SICP Grant program. A Media Release has been developed to announce the successful applicants for batch five.

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Signature:

Melissa Price

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Minister comments

Cleared by: Ms Kerry Doyle, Strategic Policy and Intelligence Group
s47E(d)

Date cleared: 29 January 2020

Contact: s47E(d)
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Sensitivity: Yes.

- The SICPs are of high interest to industry, and State and Territory governments.

Financial Impacts: No.

- Funding for the SICP Grant program is allocated from the existing Defence budget.
- Due to the high interest in the grants, Defence is reviewing the funding profile and current assessment processes to maintain the program into the future.

Regulatory Implications: No.

Consultation: Yes.

- s47E(d) [REDACTED] – Centre for Defence Industry Capability.

Attachments:

A: Media Release – Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grant Batch Five

B: Details of grant awardees – Batch Five

C: s22 [REDACTED]

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Background:

1. Grant applications are assessed by a panel which includes representatives from the Department of Defence and the Centre for Defence Industry Capability. Where required, expert technical or strategic advice is sought from across Defence during the assessment process to assist in making informed decisions.
2. On 22 October 2019, you announced the successful batch four SICP Grant program recipients. Total funding for batch four was \$2.3 million.
3. Applications for batch five of the SICP Grant program closed on 1 October 2019.

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THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
Minister for Defence Industry
Member for Durack

MEDIA RELEASE

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY BENEFITS FROM
LATEST GRANTS**

Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Melissa Price MP today congratulated the latest recipients of Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants, with 11 businesses receiving funding of up to \$4.9 million in total.

The dedicated annual grants program supports eligible Australian small to medium-sized enterprises that can provide significant contributions to the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities.

Minister Price said the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority grants program is a key Government initiative to ensure Australian businesses have the capacity and resilience to support Defence's most critical capabilities.

"This batch of grant recipients represents a number of quality projects that will enhance Australian defence industry's sovereign capabilities, aligned with Defence's Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities", Minister Price said.

"Queensland-based Cyborg Dynamics Engineering is developing a robotic unmanned ground vehicle. Their grant funding will be used to fund the project's design, materials, equipment and testing."

"Another recipient, South Australian-based company Simbiant Pty Ltd, is establishing high-speed signal processing infrastructure for electronic warfare and radar development, to enable processing of radar signal data in Australia."

Eligible activities funded through the Sovereign Industrial Capability Grants program relate directly to buying, constructing, installing or commissioning of capital equipment, design and engineering activities, and workforce training and accreditation.

Grant applications can be made at any time and can be submitted through the Centre for Defence Industry Capability website at: www.business.gov.au/cdic

Media contacts

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Authorised by The Hon Melissa Price MP, Minister for Defence Industry, WA, Australia

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Attachment B

**Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority (SICP) Grants
Details of grant awardees – Batch Five**

Grant Value	Project Description (approved by the business)	Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority	Project State	Project Electorate
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\$372,318	P & B Bulte (No 2) Pty Ltd is improving storage and testing firearms infrastructure to enable an expanded, greater level of functionality for manufacturing and/or assembling small arms. Funding will be used to enhance the indoor shooting range and secure storage vault.	Munitions and small arms research, design, development and manufacture.	VIC	La Trobe
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Cc: s47E(d) [REDACTED]
Subject: FOR DIP ACTION: Media releases - MB20-000381 - SICP Grant recipients
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Hi team

Please note request for 3 media releases.

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Kind regards

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First Assistant Secretary Defence Industry Policy
Department of Defence | Strategic Policy and Intelligence Group

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Please see the below request from OMINDI for three media releases regarding the SICP grants
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Let me know if there are any issues, happy to discuss,

Kind Regards,

s47E(d)

Defence Media | Department of Defence

Russell Offices | Canberra ACT 2600

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Good afternoon

May I please request three separate releases for Minister Price for the following three companies to put out locally in these areas.

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Thank you

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Minister for Defence Industry

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Minister for Defence Industry
Member for Durack

MEDIA RELEASE

**STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEFENCE INDUSTRY
CAPABILITY**

Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Melissa Price MP, would like to congratulate local Dandenong South company Aquaterro Advanced Product Supplies on securing a Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grant valued at \$372,317.

Aquaterro provides equipment and systems that ensure the safety of Australian Defence Force personnel within high threat environments.

“This grant funding will allow Aquaterro to test their equipment to the highest standards to ensure our Defence Force personnel are safe while performing military operations,” Minister Price said.

“The safety of our service men and women is a top priority for Defence, and companies such as Aquaterro share this responsibility. They ensure the equipment used by ADF personnel is safe and fit for purpose.”

“This funding will also contribute to Aquaterro’s ability to securely store this equipment to the standards expected of defence industry in Australia.”

The Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants program supports eligible Australian small to medium sized companies who can provide significant contributions to priority areas of Australian defence industry. Aquaterro is one of eleven Australian small to medium sized companies successful in obtaining grant funding through this program in the latest batch of applications.

Grant applications can be made at any time and can be submitted through the Centre for Defence Industry Capability website at:

<https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Sovereign-Industrial-Capability-Priority-Grants>.

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