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Transcript of the Head of Force Integration's Introduction

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Thanks Jo, Ladies and Gents, thanks very much for joining us this afternoon, I hope that you find this information session useful.

I'm not a test and evaluation expert or practitioner. I come from a command background in Army. What that means is I've had the privilege of being able to work together with different capabilities, different platforms and systems, and experience the great effect when we successfully orchestrate these capabilities together. I've also had the frustration of seeing when that doesn't go well, the frustration when, some of our equipment, some of our systems haven't been quite fit-for-purpose.

And indeed, where we've had challenges integrating with both the Air Force, Navy and also our coalition partners. So from a command perspective, I absolutely see the value and recognize the importance of well-planned and executed test and evaluation, to ensure integration.

Since starting in this job in January, I now have a better understanding of our workforce pressures, and the depth of expertise that resides in industry and therefore some of the opportunities we might be able to leverage for you to help us.

I am actually heartened to see that there's been a fair bit of work to tighten the partnerships or improve the partnerships between industry and agencies to be able to leverage those skill sets and also, help us address some of our most urgent problems. And so that's what we're here to talk about today. To lay out for you, what approach we're going to take partnering with industry to be more effective.

From my point of view, the vision statement is for a test and evaluation system that is able to support our capability managers, to achieve the greatest performance out of our capability acquisitions. From an industry point of view, I want to regularly communicate with you what our total capacity is. So that you're able to make investments into our focus areas. Today, Andrew, Grant and Jo will run you through that approach.

I look forward to hearing your feedback so that we can develop and refine this work together. We are at a stage now where we're ready to move forward in the coming weeks. So we're not months or years away, in the coming weeks we will be able to progress to a better partnership.