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Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 4:03:00 PM

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G'Day s47E(
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Will get you an answer tonight.

Cheers,

Wayne

W.G. BUDD

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Hi Wayne,

Thanks for your input below. s22

Please give me a call at your convenience today.

Brett

Brett Wolski
RADM, RAN
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[SQ26-000815.docx](#)

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Hi Wayne,

Please see attached revised QoNs answers following your advice for further review.

Note: SQ26-000812 is currently with ASSOCSEC for review – we can call back if need be.

Grateful for advice NLT 1415 today.

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Senate Estimates Question on Notice (QoN)

SQ26-000812

Minister	Deputy Prime Minister
QoN Number	50
Subject	2026-27 Budget Estimates - Q50 - Delivery of IGADF Afghanistan Command Accountability Report
Group/Service	ASG Coord
Consultation	Brigadier Wayne Budd AM, CSC Post Afghanistan Inquiry Coordination Cell IGADF
Clearance Officer	Cath Patterson Associate Secretary June 2026
Contact Officer	Rear Admiral Brett Wolski, AM RAN Head Afghanistan Inquiry Response Task Force s47E(c)
Has this question been answered before (e.g. Estimates QoN, Parliamentary QoN)?	No.
Is any of the information in the answer already in the public domain? If so, what? (e.g. from previous QoNs/hansard, FOIs, Defence website, Annual report, public registers)	No.

Department Comments

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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2026-27 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Department/Agency: Department of Defence

Topic: 2026-27 Budget Estimates - Q50 - Delivery of IGADF Afghanistan Command Accountability Report

Senator: David Shoebridge

Portfolio Question reference number: 50

Type of question: Spoken, 03 June 2026

Question:

Senator David Shoebridge

Thank you, Chair. Perhaps at the end of this round of questioning, if we have an answer to that question on Palantir and embedded numbers, if we could have those numbers at the end, but rather than delay, we might get started on just one question to you, Admiral Johnston, the IGADF in their preparation document for last round of estimates said this "following the completion of the IGADF Afghanistan Inquiry. My office conducted an inquiry which examined issues of command accountability. I have delivered that inquiry to the Chief of the Defence Force." When did you get that delivered by the IGADF?

CDF, ADML David Johnston

Senator Patterson, Senator Shobridge. I've gone right around, Senator Shoebridge. I just need to check the timing, that may have been delivered to my predecessor, not me. I'm just not certain of the timing of the delivery report.

Senator David Shoebridge

Well, have you seen it?

CDF, ADML David Johnston

I would have to check the report itself and advise you of whether that was the case or not.

Senator David Shoebridge

Whether you'd seen it or not?

CDF, ADML David Johnston

Yes.

Senator David Shoebridge

Well surely you remember, whether you saw a report from the IGADF about command accountability following the Afghanistan inquiry, a big issue about was the recommendation from Major General Brereton to not hold senior command to account. Do you remember that recommendation?

CDF, ADML David Johnston

I'd certainly recall the recommendation and the material that was in the Brereton report that provided that explanation and that judgment, yes.

Senator David Shoebridge

Yeah, but then apparently after that the IGADF undertook a whole separate inquiry into issues of command accountability and gave that to either you or your predecessor.

CDF, ADML David Johnston

And that's what I would have to check, Senator

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Senate Estimates Question on Notice (QoN)

SQ26-000815

Minister	Deputy Prime Minister
QoN Number	51
Subject	2026-27 Budget Estimates - Q51 - Copy of the IGADF Afghanistan Command Accountability Inquiry Report
Group/Service	ASG Coord
Consultation	Brigadier Wayne Budd AM, CSC Post Afghanistan Inquiry Coordination Cell IGADF
Clearance Officer	Cath Patterson Associate Secretary Xx June 2026
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Department Comments

The directions of the requested report are currently being considered under FOI 1784/25/26 and 1785/25/26 (due for release to the applicant 22 June 2026).

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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2026-27 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Department/Agency: Department of Defence

Topic: 2026-27 Budget Estimates - Q51 - Copy of the IGADF Afghanistan Command Accountability Inquiry Report

Senator: David Shoebridge

Portfolio Question reference number: 51

Type of question: Spoken, 03 June 2026

Question:

Senator David Shoebridge

Can you provide this committee with a copy of the report to the inquiry that was delivered by the IGADF into command accountability.

CDF, ADML David Johnston

Senator, I would have to take that on notice as it is an Inspector General's report, not a report originated within the department.

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G'Day s47E(c)

The IGADF agrees with the attached QoN 50 and 51 responses.

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Regards,

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Good afternoon O-Governance and Brigadier Budd,

Seeking your consult of the attached two QoNs per O-ASSOCSEC request.

These two QoNs have been discussed with s47E(c) of OCDF.

Grateful for return of your advice and/or clearance by 1200 Monday 29 June 2026.

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Dear Jim, Tracy and Gemma

Apologies for the late night email (and apologies again Jim for the late phone call).

As flagged, we have received an OPD from Senator Shoebridge to release the report into command accountability.

Could I please understand the timeline associated with the report (I understand it was completed in early 2022?) If you could confirm the report timeline that would be most appreciated.

I am also keen to better understand some of the contents of the report at a high-level. Happy to discuss via phone tomorrow morning if easier.

I need to respond to Senator Shoebridge's office by 0900 tomorrow, so if we could speak before then I would really appreciate it.

Thank you

s47E(c)

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Good afternoon,

Please be advised Senator Shoebridge made an attempted "Order for production of documents 563 – Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Afghanistan inquiry" in the Senate this afternoon.

Senator Shoebridge moved that "That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, by no later than Tuesday, 28 July 2026, a full copy of the report by the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF) into command accountability following the completion of the IGADF Afghanistan inquiry."

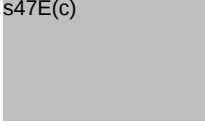
The motion was opposed by the Coalition, with Senator Duniam stating "The coalition is advised that the evidence within the report is highly classified and goes into operational matters within

the ADF. Releasing it could impact and jeopardise ongoing investigations the Office of the Special Investigator is leading into allegations of war crimes.”

The matter was resolved in the negative with 24 noes and 15 ayes.

Kind regards,

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