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Thanks, this is currently with HMS (CASG) for providing responses and will then come back to Navy for clearance.

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Due to Defence Media	24/04/2017 <i>Media queries need to be prioritised as urgent. Please contact Defence Media at least 24 hours prior to the deadline if it is not achievable.</i> <i>Extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.</i>
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	<p>maintenance problems including incorrect oil change regimes. What are you doing to address these problems?</p> <p>How much is the repair to the two ships going to cost?</p>
Background / Summary	<p>A similar inquiry was made by ^{S47F} [REDACTED] of the ABC Federal Parliamentary Press.</p> <p>CT-001695 HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide – 16Qs</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Has HMAS Canberra sustained damage to one or both of its engine pods?</p> <p>Has HMAS Adelaide sustained damage to one both of its engine pods?</p> <p>Is there any damage to any other part of the propulsion system on either ship, such as the propellers?</p> <p>What is the nature of the damage? How long will it take to repair?</p> <p>Can the damage be repaired without new parts?</p> <p>Is all of this damage covered by warranty? If so, who will pay for the repairs?</p> <p>Will the damage to one, or both ships, require that it/they be repaired in dry dock?</p> <p>What is the daily cost of putting a ship in dry dock?</p> <p>Will the cost of putting the ship in dry dock be covered by warranty?</p> <p>Are replacement engine/propeller parts available in Australia?</p> <p>Will damaged parts have to be imported? If so from where and how much will it cost?</p> <p>Is the cost of flying/shipping the parts to Australia covered by warranty? If not, how will the parts be transported and who will pay for it?</p> <p>Defence says in a recent press release that both ships are in are “still in their operational test and evaluation period”.</p> <p>https://news.defence.gov.au/media/on-the-record/navy-record-response-andrew-greene-reporting</p> <p>In answers to Senate questions on notice, defence has stated that both ships will reach “full operational capability” after exercise Talisman Sabre this year. Is that still Defence’s expectation?</p> <p>Are both ships scheduled to participate in exercise Talisman Sabre?</p> <p>Is it still Defence’s expectation that both ships will be ready for the exercise?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>During first-of-class flight trials, Defence identified an emergent issue with the propulsion systems of HMAS <i>Canberra</i>. HMAS <i>Adelaide</i> was also inspected</p>

	<p>and there are indications of a similar issue. .</p> <p>Defence has adopted a deliberate and disciplined approach to resolve this problem early in the ship's life. Defence engineers are working with Navantia, BAE Australia and Siemens to determine the nature of the issue, investigate the causes, and develop a repair strategy.</p> <p>As a prudent measure, Defence is determining the availability of potential spare parts, but it is still too early to determine the extent of this emergent work.</p> <p>Until the investigation has been completed and the scope of the required work is known, Defence is not in a position to answer questions around cost, liability, parts availability, time frames, and impacts on future exercises.</p> <p>HMA Ships <i>Canberra</i> and <i>Adelaide</i> are scheduled to receive final operating capability at the end of this year.</p>
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CT-001820 HMAS Canberra and Adelaide is currently with OCDF for clearance. This is an urgent enquiry. Please progress once it comes back.

See you all Wednesday.

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