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Hi Guys,

can I pls have some TPs prepared for Premier Marshall's Key Note speech at the upcoming G'day USA.

I don't need a speech, per se, as the Premier's Office will prepare that ... just the relevant TPs from the Commonwealth's perspective. I expect his office will prepare the State-focused points he wants to make.

I'm not sure how long the speech will be, however, can I have TPs to last for 2/3rds of the speech length and by 16 April.

Regards, Faz

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## **Premier Steven Marshall keynote speech at G'day USA 2019**

### **Commonwealth supporting information**

#### **US-Australia Alliance**

- The Australia-United States alliance is Australia's most important defence relationship.
- It remains central to Australia's ongoing strategic and security arrangements.
- It encompasses training, exercises, operations, intelligence and capability development.
- The Australia-US alliance is an important part of our security architecture and enables both alliance partners to meet contemporary and emerging challenges.

#### **Capability Cooperation**

- Australia and the US are cooperating on emerging and leading edge technologies that will boost the capability of both countries' armed forces and enable them to maintain their capability edge.
- Australia participates in a number of cooperative programs with the US to research and develop new capabilities, such as the P8-A Poseidon, Triton, Heavy Weight Torpedo and Joint Strike Fighter.
- For example:
  - Joint Strike Fighters – Australia is manufacturing key components for the F-35 as a global supplier to the construction program.
  - Australia has acquired 15 P8-A Poseidon maritime surveillance aircraft and its first MQ-4C Triton through cooperative programs with the United States Navy. These will enhance Australia's anti-submarine warfare, maritime strike capability, and search and rescue capability.

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- 12 EA-18G Growler electronic attack aircraft – Australia is the only country outside the United States operating the Growler.
- 24 Seahawk MH-60R helicopters – Australia is operating the same configuration aircraft as the US Navy, increasing joint interoperability.
- Further next generation enhancements are under development to increase firepower, protection, mobility and lethality for the Australian Defence Force land component.
- Australia conducts Research and Development support to major acquisition programs, including the embedding of Australian research staff in the US.
- Australia undertakes collaborative Research and Development in areas of strategic importance, for example, Defence Science and Technology Group and the US Air Force Research Laboratory have conducted successful experimental hypersonic flights at Woomera Test Range.
- Australia has around 500 Defence people in the US, in over 30 states, cooperating with US personnel to develop military capability that benefits both nations.
- Some of these people are in positions of significant responsibility, including the US Central Command Director of Operations and the US Army Pacific Deputy Commanding General-North.

**Industry perspectives**

- The US Congress included Australia in the National Technology Industrial Base – a significant development for Australia's cooperation with the US on advanced defence capabilities.
- This has the potential to enhance industrial and technological cooperation, and expand the mutual pool of innovation available to maintain a capability edge.

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- This will significantly contribute to the alliance by strengthening our ability to work together to develop advanced capability and conduct joint military operations.

### **Australian Defence Export Strategy**

- Released in January 2018, the Defence Export Strategy outlines the Government's goal to achieve greater export success to build a stronger, more sustainable, and globally competitive Australian defence industry to support Defence capability needs.
- It recognises that a resilient and internationally competitive domestic defence industry is essential to Australia's national security.
- It balances the intent to increase Australian defence industry exports, while ensuring our defence capability is not compromised and that Australia meets its international obligations.

### **Progress in the last 12 months**

- Since last year's event:
  - transfer of the Team Defence Australia function from the Centre for Defence Industry Capability to the Australian Defence Export Office on 1 July 2018;
  - transfer of the Australian Military Sales function to the Australian Defence Export Office on 1 July 2018;
  - launch of the Defence Global Competitiveness Grants Program on 8 January 2019 and finalisation of the first round of grant applications in March 2019; and
  - release of the third edition of the Australian Military Sales Catalogue on 12 February 2019.

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- In April 2018, the Government released the Defence Industrial Capability Plan. The Plan is objective driven and focused on the development of Australia's defence industry over the next decade.
  - The plan identifies ten Priorities that represent a subset of the broader defence industry capabilities that Defence needs.
  - The Priorities were identified using the Sovereign Industrial Capability Assessment Framework - a top-down, strategy-led framework.
- On 21 November 2018, the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority (the Priorities) Grants program was launched by the Minister for Defence Industry.
  - The grants program reflects the Australian Government's commitment to build and develop a robust, resilient and internationally competitive Australian defence industry base, capable of providing a significant contribution to the Priorities.
  - It will help Australian SMEs to invest in projects that build capabilities aligned with Defence Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities.

**What next****Industrial Strategies**

- To be released from mid-2019, the Australian industrial strategies for each Integrated Investment Program capability stream will provide Australia's short, medium and long-term industrial objectives for each stream, and show how Australian industry development will be maximised to support Australia's Defence capability and industry policy objectives.

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## Implementation Plans

- From mid-2019, the Federal Government will release Implementation Plans for each of the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority.
- These will address the level of sovereignty sought, and how the Priorities will be developed and supported across Defence planning.
- The Plan will also include workforce and skilling considerations and where appropriate, a forecast of technological developments in the field that will impact on future Defence capabilities.

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