











Our vision for Defence:

'A professional organisation working across government to deliver effective military capability'

We are committed to:

Working tirelessly for the welfare of our people

Empowering our people through values-based leadership at all levels

MAJOR DEFENCE PRIORITIES FOR 2007-08



GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CLEAR ACCOUNTABILITIES

- **1.** Clearly articulate accountabilities and authorities and embed these within streamlined governance structures.
- **2.** Restructure the major Defence committees to more effectively and efficiently support decision-making.
- 3. Improve the visibility, currency and consistency of internal Defence policy and instructions.
- 4. Develop a whole of Defence record-keeping strategy.
- 5. Enhance the governance arrangements for the storage and handling of weapons and munitions.
- **6.** Develop improved measurement and reporting tools to strengthen the implementation of major priorities and initiatives.
- **7.** Review Defence's current service delivery model and recast service agreements to include performance metrics for time, quality, cost and demand.

HIGH QUALITY, TIMELY AND ACCURATE POLICY ADVICE TO OUR MINISTERS

- **1.** Create a central policy development capability to facilitate the provision of quality policy advice to Ministers, and to strengthen policy development skills across Defence.
- **2.** Establish and implement training awareness programmes to build a better understanding across Defence of the role of our Minister and the government.

STRONG BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND EFFECTIVE PROCESSES

- **1.** Develop and embed an agreed Defence business model.
- 2. Implement the new strategic planning and budget process.
- 3. Develop a Defence ICT strategy.
- **4.** Centralise regional ICT Services into CIO Group.
- **5.** Remove the accounting qualification around Repairable Items and significantly reduce the uncertainty surrounding General Stores Inventory.
- 6. Develop a system to accurately estimate and model future costs and resource needs.

ACTIVE WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT, STAKEHOLDER AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- **1.** Work with government and non-government agencies to develop a multi-agency response capability.
- 2. Implement the agreed Defence co-operation activities for 2007–08.
- 3. Provide support to whole of government initiatives to address transnational security issues.
- **4.** Drive the implementation of the new industry policy, specifically the identification and development of priority local industry capabilities for Defence and establishing the joint Defence/Industry skilling task force.

OUR PEOPLE

- **1.** Provide a best practice, safe and healthy workplace.
- 2. Implement the major programmes for recruitment and retention to meet growth targets and address critical ADF workforce shortfalls.
- **3.** Implement our people focused programmes in family support, transition management and rehabilitation.
- **4.** Finalise implementation of the agreed Military Justice Reforms and embed our best-practice Military Justice System.
- **5.** Establish the new Strategic HR policy organisation and devolve personnel services delivery to the appropriate Groups.
- **6.** Embed a learning culture across the ADF training system.
- **7.** Build a best-practice Service policing capability for the ADF.
- **8.** Build the skills and knowledge of our people across all business areas in Defence.

MILITARY EXCELLENCE

- **1.** Succeed in joint and combined operations and deployments as agreed by government.
- **2.** Deliver the preparedness levels directed by government.
- **3.** Further integrate and align Defence operations in maritime border protection with the Border Protection Command processes and systems.
- **4.** Develop the 2008–18 Defence Capability Plan for government approval.
- **5.** Implement the major programmes for the Hardened and Networked Army and Enhanced Land Forces.
- **6.** Implement a plan to maintain an effective air combat capability.
- **7.** Deliver the approved capital investment programme on schedule and to budget, while maintaining operational tempo.
- **8.** Develop and implement a plan to effectively remediate priority logistics shortfalls as agreed by government.