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The Hon Alan Griffin MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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F-111 DESEAL/RESEAL REPORT TABLED IN PARLIAMENT

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin, today welcomed the tabling of the parliamentary inquiry report into claims for compensation from former F-111 Deseal/Reseal workers.

"The tabling of this report delivers our election commitment to examine the former Government's response to the health and support needs of RAAF Deseal/Reseal workers and their families," he said.

The inquiry, carried out by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade's Defence Sub-Committee, was asked to investigate and review claims for compensation from former F-111 Deseal/Reseal workers and their families, as well as the Commonwealth's response to these claims.

The aim was to ascertain whether the Commonwealth's response was adequate and consistent with the findings of the 2004 Study of Health Outcomes in Aircraft Maintenance Personnel, and if the overall handling and administration of the program was sufficient.

More than 130 submissions were provided to the Committee and six public hearings were held.

"The report makes 18 recommendations to Government," he said.

"I thank the Committee members for the work they have done considering this very complex issue. The report raises a number of matters that the Government must now consider."

The Government's official response to the Deseal/Reseal report will be announced publicly in due course. A copy of the report is available online at http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/deseal_reseal/report.htm

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