



THE HON. JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Minister for Defence

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GOVERNMENT TO INTEGRATE THE DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Minister for Defence, the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP today announced that the Government will implement a series of reforms to produce a more efficient and integrated intelligence capability within Defence.

“We will bring together all relevant Information and Communications Technology assets into a Defence-wide intelligence Information and Communications Technology architecture, employing very secure systems,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

This reform will enable more seamless information sharing and intelligence collaboration across the Defence intelligence agencies and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance staff.

These reforms will remove unnecessary duplication of Information and Communications Technology capabilities, leverage greater economies of scale, and improve the integration of intelligence into Defence operations.

“These reforms to Defence intelligence will enhance our capability edge and ensure that we can deal with the threats of tomorrow”, Mr Fitzgibbon said.

The 2009 Defence White Paper represents the most comprehensive statement on Defence ever produced. It affirms the Government’s commitment to the defence of Australia, the protection of our sovereign interests and the security and stability of our region.

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