



THE HON. JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Minister for Defence

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SUBSTANTIAL BOOST TO SIMULATOR TRAINING FOR DEFENCE

The Minister for Defence, the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP today announced a major increase in the use of simulation throughout Defence.

“The Government will fund new and improved simulation initiatives for the Australian Defence Force that will provide enhanced opportunities for both individual and collective team training,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

Simulation contributes substantially to ensuring that the Australian Defence Force is well equipped, well trained, and ultimately well prepared to meet the broad range of challenges that may lie ahead.

“These simulators can accurately depict and recreate real situations without putting our people into harms way unnecessarily, and often at much reduced cost than using real military equipment in a training role,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

This simulated training includes a variety of live systems where people train on exact replicas of actual equipment, through to virtual systems that recreate simulated entities and environments.

Development of the defence simulation environment will provide better support to Defence’s training requirements and help to clear bottlenecks in the training pipeline resulting from the limited availability of Defence assets and equipment.

“Enhancements to the Joint Combined Training Capability plan, along with an increase in simulator infrastructure and training systems, will raise the level of readiness for Defence personnel and increase interoperability between units and our allied forces.” 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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