

## APPENDIX B.4

### DEFENCE

#### Summary

Defence reported seven measures<sup>1</sup> during the year, with a total net regulatory saving of \$39.1 million per year.

#### 2015 regulatory measures, previously reported in conjunction with the Autumn and Spring Repeal Days

*These measures below are reproductions of the 2015 Autumn and Spring Repeal Day overview descriptions and have not been amended.*<sup>2</sup>

Defence	Simplifying Defence contracting requirements (Spring)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In July 2015 the Department of Defence updated the Australian Standard for Defence Contracting (ASDEFCON) template for supporting major platforms such as ships, aircraft and vehicle fleets.</li><li>• The new template will reduce the amount of information tenderers are required to provide by tailoring tender application forms to the nature, scale and risk of the services being procured. This will reduce the page count for the related tender response plans and cut tender costs.</li><li>• The Department of Defence has estimated that this will lead to an annual saving of \$5.5 million in compliance costs.</li></ul>
Defence	Strengthening Australia's export controls to align them with international best practice (Spring)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On 2 April 2015 the <i>Defence Trade Controls Amendment Act 2015</i> received Royal Assent. The Act amended the <i>Defence Trade Controls Act 2012</i> (the Act) to implement a more risk-based approach to Australia's export control regime.</li><li>• The amendments will more closely regulate entities involved in supplying controlled technology, and explicitly exclude others who may have previously been inadvertently captured by the Act.</li><li>• The Department of Defence has estimated that this will lead to an annual saving of \$35.4 million in compliance costs<sup>3</sup>.</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Measures counted here only include decisions with a regulatory impact. Measures with a zero regulatory impact have been excluded.

<sup>2</sup> To align this table with the 2015 calendar year, any measures accounted for in the previous annual report have been excluded.

<sup>3</sup> \$3.4 million of the savings was reallocated to the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to due to its contribution to the legislative changes to the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*.

## **International standards and risk assessments**

As part of the Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda announced in October 2014, the Government adopted the principle that if a system, service or product has been approved under a trusted international standard or risk assessment, then our regulators should not impose any additional requirements for approval in Australia, unless it can be demonstrated that there is a good reason for doing so.

In developing criteria for assessing opportunities for the acceptance or adoption of trusted standards and assessments, the Department has published the following materials on-line:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/Publications/Docs/DefencecriteriaforadoptingInternationalStandardsandRiskAssessments.pdf>

## **Further information**

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