



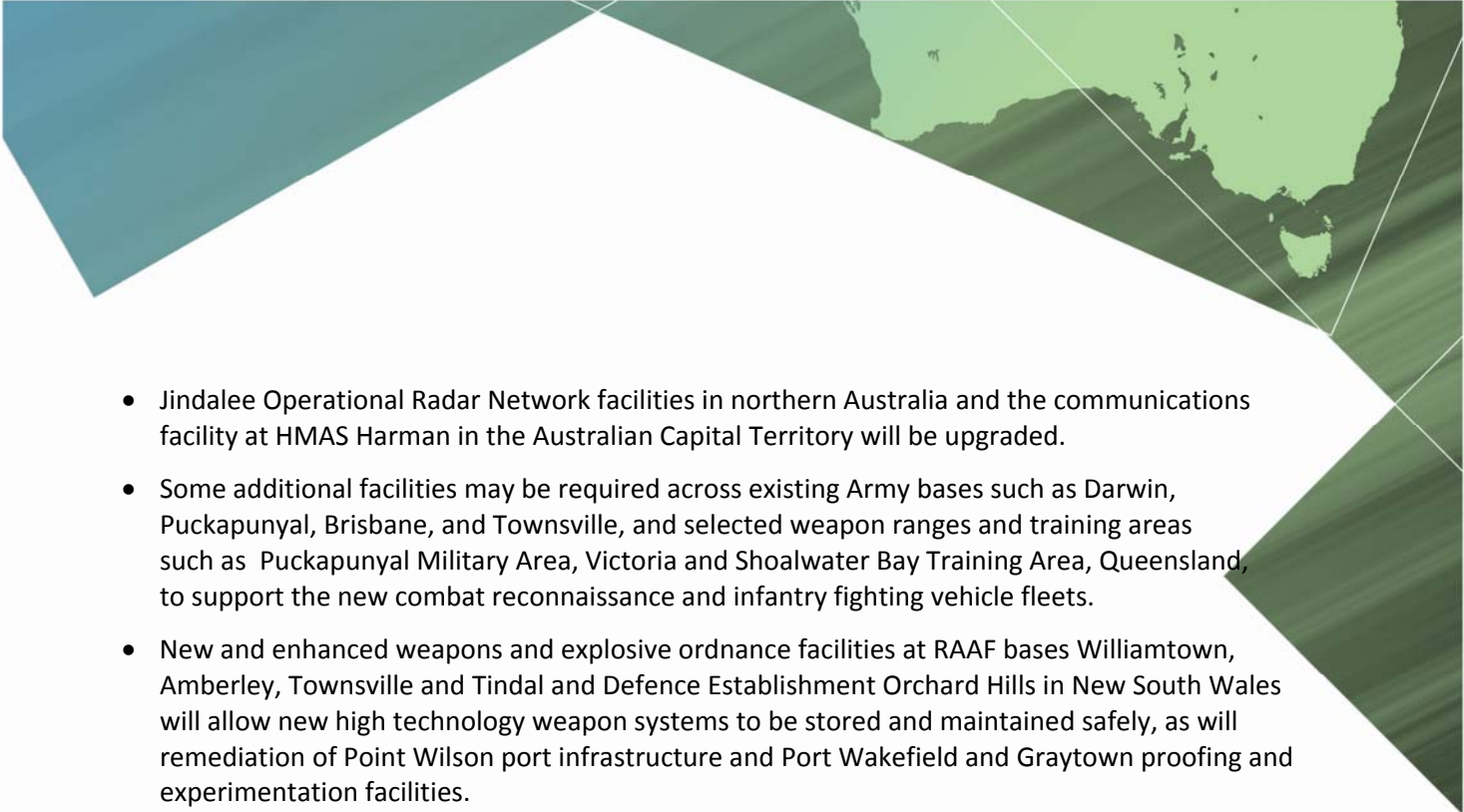
Key Enablers

The Integrated Investment Program will guide approximately \$195 billion of investment to 2025-26 to deliver the future force of the Defence White Paper. The Government will invest around 25 per cent of Defence capital expenditure to 2025-26 to remediate the underinvestment of recent years in those key enablers essential to realising the full potential of the high technology systems entering service. The Government's plans recognise that even the most capable platforms and systems cannot be effective without the enabling capabilities that allow those platforms to operate effectively and be sustained. Enabling capabilities include our people, critical infrastructure such as bases, training ranges, wharves and airfields, information and communications technology, logistics, science and technology, and health services, as well as force design, strategic and international policy functions.

Key Enabling Capability enhancements

Reliable access to essential facilities such as military bases, wharves, port facilities, airbases, training ranges and fuel and explosive ordnance infrastructure underpins the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) ability to conduct and sustain operations in Australia and into the region. We will implement a range of Defence infrastructure initiatives over the next decade to support future ADF operations.

- Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) bases Williamtown, New South Wales; Edinburgh, South Australia; Tindal and Darwin, Northern Territory; Curtin, Learmonth, and Pearce in Western Australia; and Townsville and Scherger in Queensland and HMAS Stirling, Western Australia; and Defence Establishment Myambat, New South Wales; will be upgraded to support the ADF's strike, air combat and maritime surveillance capabilities.
- New facilities at RAAF bases Tindal and Edinburgh will support the introduction of the MQ-4C Triton unmanned surveillance aircraft in the early 2020s.
- The airfield at Cocos (Keeling) Islands will be upgraded to support the new P-8A Poseidon maritime surveillance and response aircraft.
- HMAS Stirling and Fleet Base East (Garden Island) in New South Wales will be upgraded as part of the significant regeneration of the Royal Australian Navy. Garden Island will be upgraded to enable it to continue to support an expanded fleet and accommodate larger platforms such as the *Canberra* Class amphibious ships and *Hobart* Class air warfare destroyers.
- HMAS Coonawarra in the Northern Territory will also be upgraded in the short-medium term to enhance its operational effectiveness.
- Space situational awareness will be enhanced through upgrades at Harold E. Holt Communications Facility, Exmouth, Western Australia.

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- Jindalee Operational Radar Network facilities in northern Australia and the communications facility at HMAS Harman in the Australian Capital Territory will be upgraded.
 - Some additional facilities may be required across existing Army bases such as Darwin, Puckapunyal, Brisbane, and Townsville, and selected weapon ranges and training areas such as Puckapunyal Military Area, Victoria and Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Queensland, to support the new combat reconnaissance and infantry fighting vehicle fleets.
 - New and enhanced weapons and explosive ordnance facilities at RAAF bases Williamtown, Amberley, Townsville and Tindal and Defence Establishment Orchard Hills in New South Wales will allow new high technology weapon systems to be stored and maintained safely, as will remediation of Point Wilson port infrastructure and Port Wakefield and Graytown proofing and experimentation facilities.
 - Army bases such as Lavarack Barracks, Queensland; Holsworthy Barracks in New South Wales; Campbell Barracks in Western Australia; and Robertson and Larrakeyah Barracks, Northern Territory, will be upgraded to support Army capability and operations.
 - Support bases and recruitment training facilities such as HMAS Cerberus in Victoria and Puckapunyal in Victoria will be upgraded to maintain capability.
 - Shoalwater Bay Training Area - the major ADF joint amphibious training area, Bradshaw Field Training Area, Northern Territory; Cultana Training Area, South Australia; Yampi Sound Training Area, Western Australia; and Puckapunyal Military Area, Victoria, will be upgraded to support ADF capability requirements and increased training with international partners.
 - Woomera training and testing range in South Australia will be upgraded to meet increasing ADF demands and greater cooperation with the United States and other security partners.

The Government is providing \$5 billion in additional funding over the decade to 2025-26 to modernise Defence's information and communications technology architecture that supports warfighting, security and communications. Priorities will be: enhancing support to operations; stabilising Defence's information and communications technology core; and delivering a rationalised, secure, contemporary information and communications technology environment. Connectivity with allies and partners will be improved, supporting more effective coalition operations.

Simulators, including an enhanced enterprise simulation capability, training platforms, training ranges and testing facilities will also be upgraded to support the new and larger fleets of platforms and new weapons systems being acquired as part of the Government's capability plans.

Around \$730 million will be invested to 2025-26 in targeted next generation technologies which have the potential to deliver game-changing capabilities critical to Australia's defence and national security.

Health services support for ADF deployments, training and exercises, including jointly with United States forces and other partners will also be enhanced.

An additional around 1,100 ADF positions and around 400 Australian Public Service positions will be allocated to 2025-26 to support these further investments in our enabling capabilities.