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ADF WEAPONS PROJECTS

How will the 2012 budget affect key ADF weapons acquisition projects? Despite the possibility of a temporary dip in capital acquisition spending over the next 12-24 months, the Defence Capability Plan (DCP) still aims to deliver significant new combat capabilities. In accordance with Force 2030 ADM will examine prospects for some of the key weapons projects highlighted in the budget.

SURVEILLANCE in the land domain

ISR is the bedrock of the ADF's Situational Awareness, both tactically and strategically. What are the emerging ISR challenges, and what does the ADF need to meet them? We report on how the 2012 budget will shape surveillance acquisition projects and operations and what capabilities from Afghanistan will survive the drawdown into the future.

Force Protection

With the news that Australia will be pulling out the majority of its soldiers from Afghanistan at the end of next year, ADM will examine the benefits of the Force Protection measures that have helped to save lives during the conflict.



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Hot Topics

ADM's likely coverage in the issue:

ADF WEAPONS PROJECTS:

- Land 17 – is SP still happening?
- Naval Weapons (SM-2 upgrade for FFGs, SM-6 for AWDs, SM upgrade, anti-submarine torpedoes for helicopters etc)
- Land 159 – small arms
- Land 19 Ph.7B – Ground-Based Air Defence System upgrade or replacement?
- Air 6 – Ph.5 new air-air weapons for Super Hornet and JSF, for example
- Ammunition manufacturing in Australia – where now?

SURVEILLANCE:

- JP2096 – surveillance enhancement?
- Movement on Air 7000 Ph.1
- Air 5276 CAP 2 – Orion capability assurance program
- Army's UAV programs – JP129 Ph3 & 4 and beyond
- Coastal surveillance

FORCE PROTECTION

- Bushmaster
- body armour
- IED protection
- new special forces vehicles



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