

**From:** [Davis, Marlena Mrs](#)  
**To:** s47E(c) s47E(c)  
**Subject:** FW: SIB Payment email to DPMO [REDACTED]  
**Date:** s47E(d) 9:25:09 AM

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[REDACTED]

FYSA – will send you a copy if I am keep in the email trail.

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**From:** James, Mikaela s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Sent:** s47E(d) 2:50 PM  
**To:** Kelton, Alexandra s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Davis, Marlena s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Greentree, Phoebe s47E(c) s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Rudnicki, Elicia s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** SIB Payment email to DPMO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AK,

As discussed with Greg on Friday morning – here is the proposed email to the office about the next payment.

Happy with this? Words in red are from Groves.

I would plan to copy Greg?/Karma, Groves, Yannopolus, JM, you.

I will also ask Phoebe to alert HOM once I've sent the email to s47E(c) (Phoebe – fyi coming your way soon).

M

s47E(c)


I wanted to update you on Defence and ASA's approach to Australia's next financial contribution to the US Submarine Industrial Base (SIB), s47E(d).

You may recall that, as part of Australia's commitment to contribute USD 3.0 billion to help uplift the US SIB, we have an agreed schedule of Australian payments to the US. s33(a)(iii)


[REDACTED]

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s33(a)(iii)



s33(a)(iii)



s33(a)(iii)



s33(b)



Happy to discuss.

M

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From: Davis, Marlana s47E(c)  
To: s47E(c)  
Subject: s47E(c) 09:28 e-mail M Davis, s47E(c) Payment  
Date: s47E(d) 9:29:00 AM  
Attachments: US SIB Uplift.xlsx

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US SIB Uplift

s47E(d)

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From: s47E(c) @defence.gov.au  
Sent: s47E(d) 4:20 PM  
To: Davis, Marlana s47E(c) @defence.gov.au; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au  
Cc: James, Mikaela s47E(c) @defence.gov.au; Rudnicki, Elicia s47E(c) @defence.gov.au  
Subject: RE: US Payment

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Hi all,

s33(a)(iii)

s33(a)(iii)

s47E(d) s33(a)(iii)

s47E(c)  
s47E(c)  
Program Finance | Finance | Chief Operating Officer  
Australian Submarine Agency

P s47E(c) | M s47E(c) | E s47E(c) @defence.gov.au

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From: Davis, Marlana s47E(c) @defence.gov.au  
Sent: s47E(d) 2025 9:36 AM  
To: s47E(c) @defence.gov.au; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au  
Cc: James, Mikaela s47E(c) @defence.gov.au; Rudnicki, Elicia s47E(c) @defence.gov.au  
Subject: US Payment

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Hi s47E(c) and s47E(c)

Graham Weber has requested that my team pull together a quick timeline on the next payment to the US. s33(a)(iii) s47E(c) can you speak to T&B around the FOREX payment runs and the timeframes s47E(c) I would also like to ensure we capture any timeframes for notification to the US s33(a)(iii)

Happy to consider anything else you believe relevant to support this and let me know if you need any further information or advice.

Thx  
Marlena

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**To:** s47E(c); s47E(c)  
**Cc:** Rudnicki, Elicia MS 1; s47E(c)  
**Subject:** s47E(c) 10:47 e-mail M James/Many - Next SIB Payment  
**Date:** s47E(d) 10:47:33 AM  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

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All,

Please see below.

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Mikaela James

P: s47E(c)

M: s47E(c)

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**To:** James, Mikaela s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Kelton, Alexandra s47E(c) s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlina s47E(c) s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Rudnicki, Elicia s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Next SIB Payment [REDACTED]

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Dear Mikaela

I note further to the below exchange that:

s33(a)(iii)



Based on this and the below advice, please proceed with making the payment in accordance with the agreed schedule.

Regards

s47E(c)

s47E(c)  
s47E(c)

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T: s47E(c)

Mob: s47E(c)

*I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia. I recognise their connection to traditional lands and waters and pay my respects to their Elders past and present.*

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**From:** James, Mikaela s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>  
**Sent:** s47E(d) [redacted] 7:23 AM  
**To:** s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Kelton, Alexandra s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Groves, Steven s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlina s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Rudnicki, Elicia s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Next SIB Payment [redacted]

Thanks s47E(c)

s33(a)(iii)

s33(a)(iii)

s33(a)(iii)

M

Sent from my iPhone

On s47E(d) , at 8:18 pm, s47E(c)  
s47E(c) <@defence.gov.au> wrote:

Mikaela

s33(a)(iii)  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] s22  
[Redacted]

s47E(d) [Redacted]. Grateful if this can happen and close  
the loop with us (but acknowledge this will likely occur overnight).

Thanks  
s47E(c)

On s47E(d) at 7:45 pm, s47E(c)  
s47E(c) <@defence.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Mikaela

s47E(d) [Redacted]

Would support s33(a)(iii) [Redacted] as  
soon as possible after the payment has been made.

Thanks  
s47E(c)

On s47E(d) at 10:31 pm, James, Mikaela s47E(c)  
s47E(c) <@defence.gov.au> wrote:

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Thanks s47E(c)

Please see below additional detail on the various reporting  
requirements.

**2024 NDAA reporting requirements**

s33(a)(iii)  
[Redacted]

s33(a)(iii)



We are engaging with US counterparts s33(a)(iii)



Very happy to discuss further.

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s47E(c) [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@defence.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@defence.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** s47E(d) [redacted] 10:04 AM  
**To:** James, Mikaela s47E(c) [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@defence.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@defence.gov.au)>;  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@defence.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@defence.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Kelton, Alexandra s47E(c) [redacted]  
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s47E(c) [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@defence.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@defence.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Next SIB Payment [SEC - PROTECTED]



Thanks Mikaela

Would you be able to clarify the reporting requirements as set out in the 2024 NDAA and the reporting requirements as outlined in the s33(a)(iii) ?

Thanks  
s47E(c) [redacted]

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**To:** s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Kelton, Alexandra s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Groves, Steven s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlina s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Rudnicki, Elicia s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Next SIB Payment [redacted]

[redacted]

s47E(c), s47E(c)

I wanted to update you on Defence and ASA's approach to Australia's next financial contribution to the US Submarine Industrial Base (SIB), s47E(d) [redacted].


You may recall that, as part of Australia's commitment to contribute USD 3.0 billion to help uplift the US SIB, we have an agreed schedule of Australian payments to the US s33(a)(iii) [redacted]

Subject to your views, consistent with Australia's agreement with the US, ASA intends to make Australia's **next financial contribution, valued at USD 500 million**, s47E(d) [redacted]. s33(a)(iii)

s47E(d) [redacted] that we are making the payment in accordance with s33(a)(iii) [redacted] schedule. s33(a)(iii)

[redacted]

s33(a)(iii)



Happy to discuss.

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**To:** s47E(c) Rudnicki, Elicia s47E  
**Subject:** FW: Next SIB Payment [REDACTED]  
**Date:** s47E(d) 1:18:25 PM  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg  
**Importance:** High

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Mikaela James

P: s47E(c)

M: s47E(c)

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**Sent:** s47E(d) 11:13 AM  
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Groves, Steven s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlina s47E(c)  
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s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Next SIB Payment [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks s47E(c) – confirming that ASA has now advised Defence to action the payment. This is now in train.

It will likely get to the US on Monday.

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Mikaela James

P: s47E(c)

M: s47E(c)

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**Cc:** s47E(c); s47E(c); s47E(c); s47E(c); s47E(c)  
s47E(c); Davis, Marlana s47E(c)  
**Subject:** s47E(d) 11:53 e-mail s47E(c) T Lam - SIB Uplift - Payment Instruction Form  
**Date:** s47E(d) 11:53:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
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[image005.jpg](#)  
[image006.jpg](#)  
[US SIB Uplift - Second Payment Instruction.pdf](#)  
[image007.jpg](#)

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Good Morning All,

The attached payment has been processed on ERP Doc number s47E(d)  
Noting 1 Day Payment Terms.

Kind regards,

s47E(c)  
s47E(d) - Accounts Payable, Finance Operations

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**Subject:** SIB Uplift - Payment Instruction Form [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

**Importance:** High

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Good morning,

Please find attached the signed priority payment instruction (PMKEYS s22 ) form following advice received from DPMO this morning.

As per the agreed payment schedule and payment terms of agreed s33(a)(iii) . In order to meet this date, a non-standard payment terms of 1 day are requested to be applied against Purchase Order.

Regards.

s47E(c)

s47E(c)

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**To:** s47E(c)  
**Cc:** s47E(c); [Davis, Marlina](#) s47E(c); s47E(c); s47E(c)  
**Subject:** s47E(d) 10:51 e-mail s47E(c) - Re SIB Uplift - Payment Instruction Form - Payment processed for payment on s47E  
**Date:** s47E(d) 10:51:52 AM  
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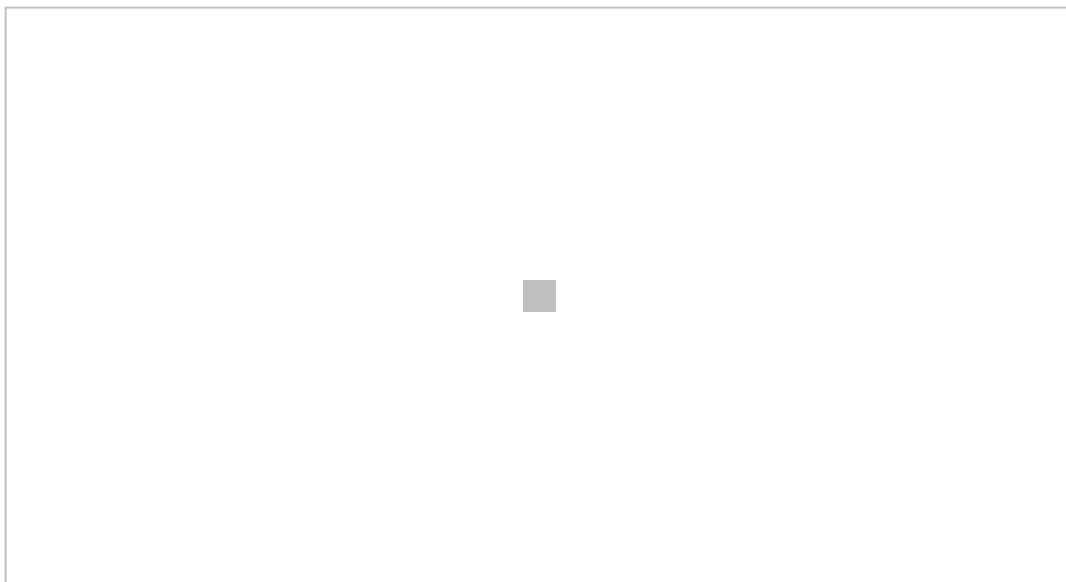
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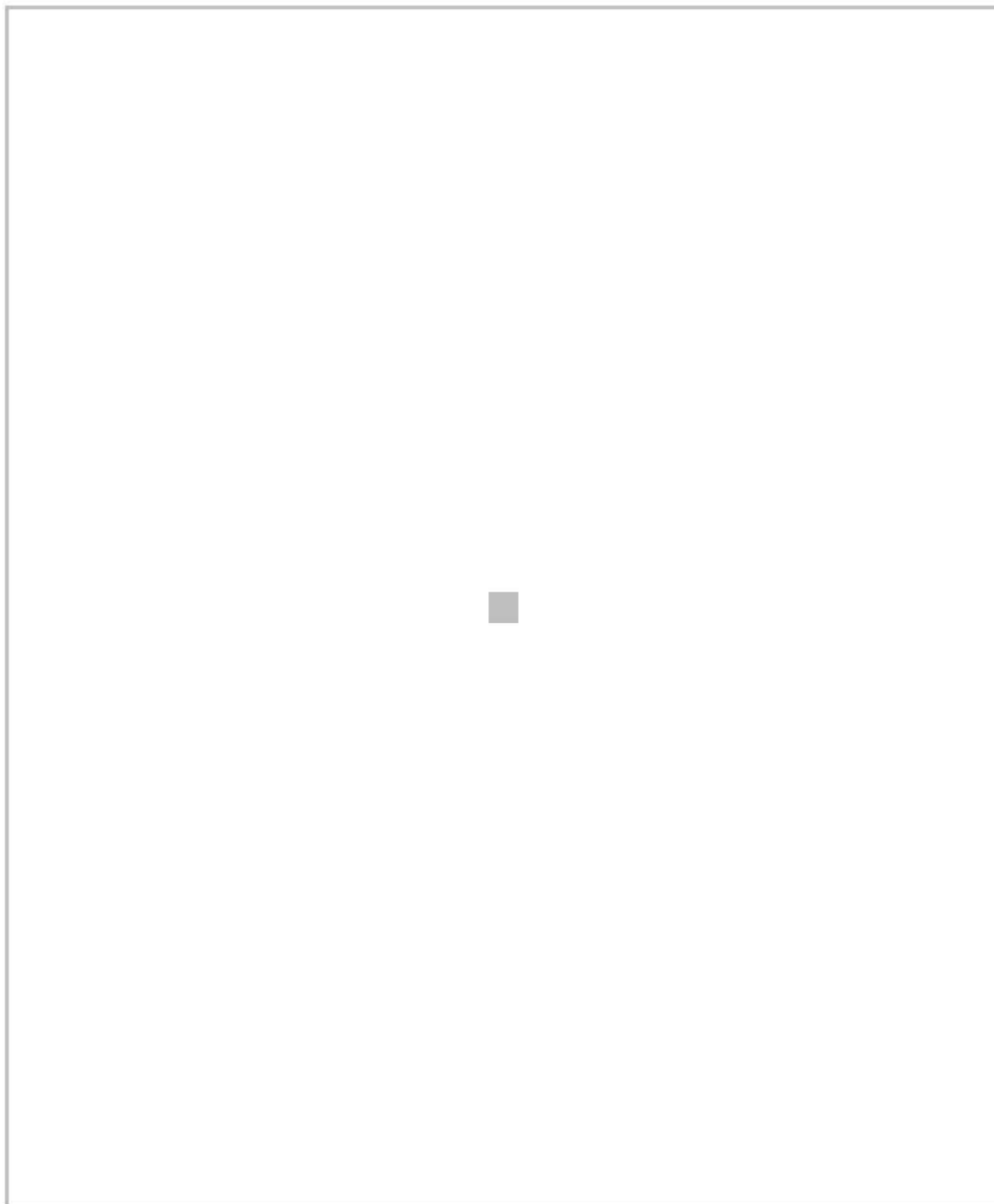
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Good Morning s47E(c)

RBA has advised the payment was settled on s47E(d) I have attached SWIFT message from RBA as the below screenshots for your reference.

If you have any questions about this please let us know.





Regards,

s47E(c) [redacted]  
s47E(d) [redacted] Directorate of Treasury and Accounts Receivable

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**To:** s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlana s47E(c) s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** s47E(d) 1432 - [s47E(c)]-[s47E(c)] SIB Uplift - Payment Instruction Form - Payment processed for payment on s47E(d) will request MT103 on s47E(d)

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Hi ladies,

Is it possible for you to advise us next week when the US has received the payment?

s47E(c)

s47E(d)

Program Finance | Finance | Chief Operating Officer

**Australian Submarine Agency**

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**From:** s47E(c)  
**Sent:** s47E(d) 12:10 PM  
**To:** s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlana s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; James, Mikaela s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: SIB Uplift - Payment Instruction Form [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Thank you so much to all involved in actioning this payment. I know it's a ridiculous time for you all in DFG with the transition of ERP across the Department, for which I'm extremely grateful for your assistance.

s33(a)(iii)

As always a pleasure working

with you all.

s47E(c)

s47E(d)

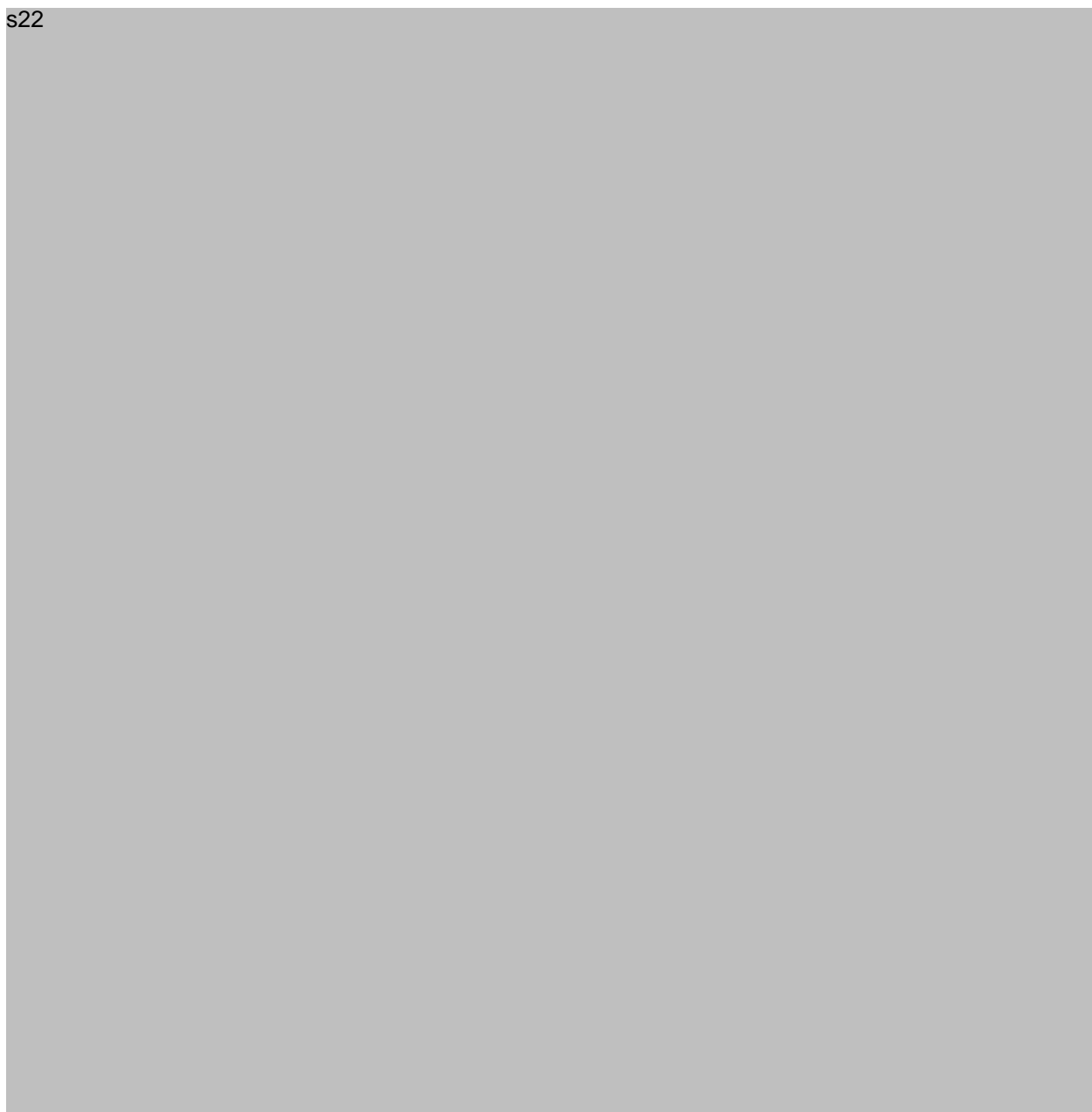
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**To:** s47E(c)  
**Cc:** s47E(c); Davis, Marlana s47E(c); s47E(c) s47E(d)  
**Subject:** s47E(d) 10:56 e-mail s47E(c) - SIB Uplift - Payment Instruction Form  
**Date:** s47E(d) 10:56:09 AM  
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Thanks s47E(c) Can you please confirm the exact time this was processed by the RBA as the date may be different to the US?

s47E(c)

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**To:** s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; Davis, Marlana s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(d) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: SIB Uplift - Payment Instruction Form [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s47E(c)

The below language in the response to the US is accurate.

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s47E(d)

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Have an amazing day.

Regards

s47E(c)

s47E(c) | Directorate of Treasury and Accounts Receivable

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Hi s47E(c)

In response to the US, is this language accurate? Happy for suggestions.

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Hi s47E(c)

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Regards

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Hi,

Question came overnight on whether the payment will be received this week or next. Do we get visibility on when the RBA has processed?

s47E(c)

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Grateful confirmation of receipt.

Kind regards

Phoebe

**Phoebe Greentree**  
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All,

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Thanks,

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Mikaela James

P: s47E(c)

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**Date:** s47E(d) 8:44:33 AM

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s47E(c)

Further to your discussion with AK on the second SIB payment, I understand you would like it as if raised.

Proposed TPs below for your review and confirmation you are happy with that approach.

*How much has Australia transferred to the U.S. SIB ?*

- Australia has contributed USD 1 billion to the U.S. submarine industrial base to date (USD500 in Q1 and USD500m in Q2).
- A total of USD2 billion will be paid by the end of 2025, and the remaining contribution over a decade (total USD3b).
- Australia is making a contribution to the U.S. submarine industrial base to uplift sustainment and production of Virginia Class submarines – benefitting both the US and Australia.
- We understand that the US plans to spend Australia's contribution on recruiting, training and retaining the submarine industrial base workforce at US shipyards, and upgrading facilities, equipment and infrastructure needed to repair and maintain submarines at US shipyards.

We have had two US contacts (one is s47F and the other s47F ) reach out to ask exactly how much we have already transferred to the U.S. SIB. With your agreement, we will provide the if raised to.

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**From:** s47E(c)  
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Thanks Marlana. Really appreciate the confirmation

Have a good weekend

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On s47E(d) s47E(c), at 5:35 pm, Davis, Marlana s47E(c) s47E(c) @defence.gov.au> wrote:

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Hi s47E(c)

Hope this email finds you well. I understand you were after details around the second US SIB uplift payment. s47E(d)

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Please reach out if you require any further information.

Regards  
Marlena

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**Marlena Davis**  
Chief Financial Officer  
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**QUESTION BRIEF (QB)**

**TOPIC OF THE DAY: AUKUS Payment**

**KEY MESSAGES**

- AUKUS is a cooperative endeavour. All three AUKUS partners are investing significantly to ensure the success of AUKUS, to meet respective requirements and AUKUS commitments on time.

***If asked: Australia's Second Submarine Industrial Base Uplift Payment***

- When the AUKUS pathway was announced in March 2023, Australia was clear that we would make a proportionate contribution to the United States (US) industrial base.
- Australia's contribution is to accelerate US production rates and maintenance enabling the delivery of Australia's future Virginia class submarines.
- Australia has committed to make a fair and proportionate contribution of US\$3 billion to support the uplift of the US submarine industrial base, and accelerate production of Virginia class submarines.
- Payments are occurring in line with Australia's commitment to contribute US\$2 billion by the end of 2025, which underscores our commitment to the successful delivery of AUKUS Pillar I outcomes:
  - The first USD\$500 million payment was made in quarter one of 2025.
  - The second USD\$500 million payment was made in quarter two of 2025.
  - A further USD\$1 billion payment is expected to be made by the end of calendar year 2025 and the remaining USD\$ 1 billion will be paid in regular instalments, adjusted for inflation over ten years from 2026-27.
- The schedule of payments to support the acceleration of submarine production rates in the US was mutually agreed by Australia and the US.
- As the Government has made clear, it is natural that any new Administration would want to examine progress against key initiatives, such as AUKUS.
- All three countries are continuing to progress the AUKUS pathway at pace, ensuring it meets national and trilateral objectives.

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**QUESTION BRIEF (QB)**

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**MEDIA**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outlet</u>	<u>Reporting</u>
24 July 2025	The Age	<a href="#"><u>Australia quietly pays US another \$800 million for AUKUS despite review</u></a> Michael Koziol reports that Australia has paid the United States another \$800 million towards the AUKUS submarine deal, taking the total to \$1.6 billion, despite the Trump administration placing the agreement under a review.
23 July 2025	PM comments on ABC Afternoon Briefing	<a href="#"><u>ABC's Afternoon Briefing with Patricia Karvelas</u></a> The PM responded to a question on the AUKUS payment during an interview on ABC's Afternoon Briefing.

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Hi s47E(c)

Thanks very much for seeking our views on these. We'll come back with views ahead of COB Friday. We'll also seek views from US and UK Posted teams and include in our return.

Best regards,

s47E(c)

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**Subject:** FOR CONSULTATION BY COB FRIDAY 22 AUGUST: Senate Estimates points on US and UK payments [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi team PS&E,

For your consultation, below are our draft Finance SEB points on UK and US SIB payments which I would appreciate your input/clearance by COB Friday 22 August.

Cheers.

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#### Australian financial contributions to the Nuclear-Powered Submarine enterprise of the United States

- As the Government announced in March 2023, Australia will make fair and proportionate contributions to the nuclear submarine enterprises of the US (US\$3 billion).
- The delivery of three Virginia class submarines to Australia by the US is a critical component to achieve the AUKUS Optimal Pathway.
- To enable this, Australia is contributing US\$3 billion over ten years to help uplift the US submarine industrial base, ensuring the US industrial base is able to support this acquisition, and ultimately resulting in more allied boats in the water now and into the future.
  - US\$2 billion by December 2025 (exact timing is flexible and by mutually agreed).
  - US\$100 million annually for 10 years from 2026 to 2034, adjusted for inflation.
- To date US\$1 billion has been transferred to the US and is a testament to our commitment to the successful delivery of AUKUS Pillar I outcomes.
  - US\$500 million, or \$803 million AUD equivalent funds transfer was initiated in January 2025.
  - US\$500 million, or \$776.8 million AUD equivalent funds transfer was initiated in May 2025.
- Australia's contribution will help accelerate production rates and maintenance to enable the delivery of Virginia class submarines to Australia. It complements the US Government's investment of over US\$17.5 billion into its submarine industrial base to support initiatives related to supplier development, shipbuilder and supplier infrastructure, workforce development, technology advancements, strategic outsourcing and government oversight.
- We understand that the US plans to spend Australia's contribution on recruiting, training and retaining the submarine industrial base workforce at US shipyards, and upgrading facilities, equipment and infrastructure needed to repair and maintain submarines at US shipyards.
- Australia's contribution is critical to ensuring the Virginia class submarines can get

off the production line and be delivered to Australia on-time.

### Australian financial contributions to the Nuclear-Powered Submarine enterprise of the United Kingdom

- As the Government announced in March 2023, Australia will make fair and proportionate contributions to the nuclear submarine enterprises of the UK (£2.4 billion).
- Australia's arrangements with the UK will cover a broader scope of activities over a longer timeframe to enable Australia to manufacture a new class of conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarines that are still being designed by the trilateral partners.
  - To meet Australia's demand for naval nuclear propulsion systems for our SSN-AUKUS program, Australia is making a proportionate contribution to enhance the production output of Rolls-Royce Submarines in Derby.
- As a trilaterally developed submarine based on the UK's next generation design, Australia's proportionate contribution to the UK also includes elements relating to SSN-AUKUS design costs incurred by the UK government.
- Australia agreed a fixed contribution with the UK government. This contribution is scheduled over ten years, with approximately one-half to be paid by the end of 2027-2028 and the remainder over the rest of the decade. The exact timing of payments is at the mutual agreement of Australian and the UK.
- To date £229 million has been transferred to the UK.
  - £149 million, or \$285 million AUD equivalent, was paid in April and June 2024
  - £80 million, or \$167 million AUD equivalent, was paid in July 2025.
- The next contribution to the UK for industrial uplift of Rolls-Royce Submarines and our contribution to the design costs incurred by the United Kingdom for SSN-AUKUS is scheduled to be paid around mid-2026.

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