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From: Selway, Bianca s47E(c) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 16 June 2025 12:49 PM
To: s47E(c) <[redacted]@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: SIB payment [SEC=[redacted]]

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Hi s47E(c)

Further to our conversation, we are waiting to hear back to DPMO on the following TPs:

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 (USD500m 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.

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Let me know if you need any further information at this stage. I'll let you know when we hear back from DPMO.

Best,

Bianca

Bianca Selway

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Subject: Re: 2nd US SIB Uplift Payment [SEC=]
Date: Friday, 13 Jun 2025 6:10:54 PM
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Thanks Marlena. Really appreciate the confirmation

Have a good weekend

Sent from my iPhone

On 13 Jun 2025, at 5:35 pm, Davis, Marlena s47E(c) s47E(c) @defence.gov.au> wrote:

Hi s47E(c)

Hope this email finds you well. I understand you were after details around the second US SIB uplift payment. USD500,000 was paid s47E(d) May 2025 s47E(d)

A total of USD1,000,000 has been made to date.

Please reach out if you require any further information.

Regards
Marlena

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Marlena Davis
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From: s47E(c)
To: s47E(c) @pmc.gov.au
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Subject: 251224:1005 - Updated US SIB TPs
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As discussed, please see below TPs we provided to DPMO today if asked about the third US SIB payment. Please let us know if any questions.

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Payments to the US

- Australia has committed to transfer USD 2 billion to the US by the end of 2025, with a total contribution of USD 3 billion.
 - To date, Australia has transferred a total of USD 2 billion to the US.
 - : Transfer of USD 500 million was initiated in January 2025.
 - : Transfer of USD 500 million was initiated in May 2025.
 - : Transfer of USD 1 billion was initiated in December 2025.
 - : The remaining USD 1 billion will be paid in regular instalments, adjusted for inflation over ten years from 2026-27.

If pressed on when Australia made the payments

- s47E(d) January, s47E(d) the first tranche of Australia's contribution, valued at USD 500 million, to the US.
- s47E(d) May, s47E(d) the second tranche of Australia's contribution, valued at USD 500 million, to the US.
- s47E(d) December, s47E(d) the third tranche of Australia's contribution, valued at USD 1 billion, to the US.

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Kind regards

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QUESTION BRIEF (QB)

TOPIC OF THE DAY: AUKUS Payment

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

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- 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.

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MEDIA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outlet</u>	<u>Reporting</u>
24 July 2025	The Age	<u>Australia quietly pays US another \$800 million for AUKUS despite review</u> 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	<u>ABC's Afternoon Briefing with Patricia Karvelas</u> The PM responded to a question on the AUKUS payment during an interview on ABC's Afternoon Briefing.

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US SIB Uplift

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From: Lam, Timmy s47E(c) @defence.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 20 August 2025 12:31 PM

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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

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- 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⁽¹⁾, 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.

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(1) '2034' should read '2035'.

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Financial Contributions to the US Industrial Base

- 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 (AU\$803 million) was transferred in January 2025.
 - US\$500 million (AU\$776.8 million) was transferred in May 2025.
- A further US\$500 million is scheduled to be transferred by December 2025 (exact timing is flexible and mutually agreed), with US\$100 million annually for 10 years from 2026 to 2035, adjusted for inflation.

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Australian Government
Australian Submarine Agency

Senate Estimates Question on Notice (QoN)

SQ25-001290

Minister	Minister for Defence
QoN Number	127
Subject	Schedule of Payments to US
Group/Service	Australian Submarine Agency
Clearance Officer	VADM Jonathan Mead Director-General s47E(c) 17 December 2025
Contact Officer	Ms Marlena Davis Acting Chief Operating Officer s47E(c)
Has this question been answered before (e.g. Estimates QoN, Parliamentary QoN)?	SQ25-000786
Is any of the information in the answer already in the public domain? If so, what? (e.g. from previous QoNs/hansard, FOIs, Defence website, Annual report, public registers)	SQ25-000037

Department Comments

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SQ25-001290

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2025-26 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES

Department/Agency: Australian Submarine Agency

Topic: Schedule of Payments to US

Senator: David Shoebridge

Portfolio Question reference number: 127

Type of question: Verbal, 04 December 2025 / Hansard Proof, 3 December 2025, Page 118

Question:

Senator Shoebridge: Are you able to provide a schedule of payments that have been made so far to the US under AUKUS?

Vice Adm. Mead: The US?

Senator Shoebridge: The US.

Vice Adm. Mead: Yes, I can.

Answer:

As at 4 December 2025, a total of US\$1 billion (AUD\$1,580 billion) has been paid to the US to uplift the US Submarine Industrial Base in accordance with the agreed schedule. The first contribution of US\$500 million was made in January 2025 and the second contribution of US\$500 million was made in May 2025.

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