

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY SALES CATALOGUE

Statement by Minister for Defence Issues

MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro — Minister for Defence Issues) [9.09 am]: It is with great pleasure that I stand today to congratulate six Western Australian companies that have been listed in the 2019 “Australian Military Sales Catalogue”, launched on Tuesday, 12 February by the federal Minister for Defence Industry, Hon Steven Ciobo, MP. The AMSC showcases world-leading Australia defence industry products, services and technologies that are available for foreign countries to purchase. It is a great federal initiative that provides a fantastic opportunity for our state’s large and small-to-medium enterprises to market their products internationally. With only one WA company listed in the 2018 edition of the AMSC, I am proud to say that, for the first time, six WA companies have been listed in the 2019 AMSC. I take this opportunity to congratulate the following WA companies on their inclusion in the 2019 AMSC: Blacktree Technology Pty Ltd in Kalamunda; Chironix in Maylands; Sea to Summit in Rivervale; Hofmann Engineering in Bassendean; Austal in Henderson; and Matrix Composites and Engineering, also based in Henderson. The diversity of these companies in both capability and size, demonstrates a snapshot of the wide range of defence-related technology, expertise, capability and highly skilled workforce Western Australia has to offer. The WA defence industry is an important sector that offers enormous potential in job creation and economic diversification. The McGowan government is committed to supporting local industry in accessing defence business opportunities, both at home and overseas, and will advocate for more of our highly capable and experienced companies to be included in future editions of the AMSC. Once again, I congratulate the six WA companies for their inclusion in the AMSC, and I look forward to seeing even more of our highly capable and diverse local companies listed in the next edition.