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Evaluation in defence – models, frameworks and opportunities

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The Australian Defence Organisation has a dedicated strategic evaluation capacity that conducts independent evaluations of key Defence functions and activities. The outcomes of these evaluations provide opportunities for senior leaders in Defence to improve decision making, policy development, planning and use of resources to fulfil their responsibilities in accordance with *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

Defence has developed a systematic approach to conducting its portfolio level evaluations. The evaluation model that supports this approach comprises five phases and has been used with all strategic level evaluations conducted in Defence since 1999. Over 20 such evaluations have been undertaken since 1999. Topics covered include the Defence Customer-Supplier Model, Preparation of ADF Officers for Joint Appointment, Corporate Governance of the Defence Information Environment, Defence Leave Policy and Administration Mar 2004, Doctrine Development Responsibilities in Defence, the Impact of Accrual Accounting on Management Practices, and Equity and Diversity in Defence.

This session will present the Defence approach to conduction strategic level evaluations and draw on recent evaluations to illustrate the opportunities they provide to the organisation's senior managers.