

Defence

- » The defence presence in the Territory has more than doubled since the early 1990s, with the number of defence personnel and their families increasing from 6223 in June 1992 to an estimated 12 935 in June 2007.
- » Of the total Australian permanent defence force personnel, 10 per cent are based in the Territory. Recurrent defence expenditure by the Australian Government in the Territory totalled \$954 million in 2005-06.
- » Major defence-related activities under way in the Territory include the \$170 million development of the new suburb of Lyons at Lee Point and the recent acquisition of land adjacent to Lyons (Muirhead). Defence activities nearing completion include the construction of the \$82 million Robertson Barracks 1st Aviation Complex and the \$65 million Bradshaw field training area near Timber Creek.
- » The Territory's economy will benefit from local supply and support contracts for the new Armidale Class Patrol Boats, Abrams tanks and Tiger helicopters and the replacement of field vehicles and trailers.

Proposed Defence Infrastructure Program for 2007-08	Estimated Total Value (\$ million)	Estimated in 2007-08 (\$ million)
Project		
Redevelopment of Robertson Barracks	82.0	76.6
Upgrade of RAAF Darwin redevelopment stage two	36.0	36.0
RAAF Base Tindal redevelopment stage five (includes the Airborne Early Warning and Control Facilities)	90.0	50.0
Bradshaw field training area	65.0	4.7
Lyons sub-division development	170.0	70.0
Darwin Naval Base extensions	19.2	13.9
Darwin and Gove foreign fishing vessel crematoriums	6.6	6.6
Mt Bundy training area urban terrain facilities	5.0	4.2
Maintenance contracts (less than \$5 million per project)	13.4	13.4
Total estimated value of projects	487.2	275.4

Source: Northern Territory Treasury, Department of Defence Budget Statements 2006-07