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Please find some specific Q&A on waste that we will be using.

Hope this is of assistance and please reach out if there's anything additional questions we should add or suggested changes.

Cheers

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Good morning all

I just wanted to let you know our team will shortly send through updated WoG talking points.

Our updated website will also be available from approximately 0800.

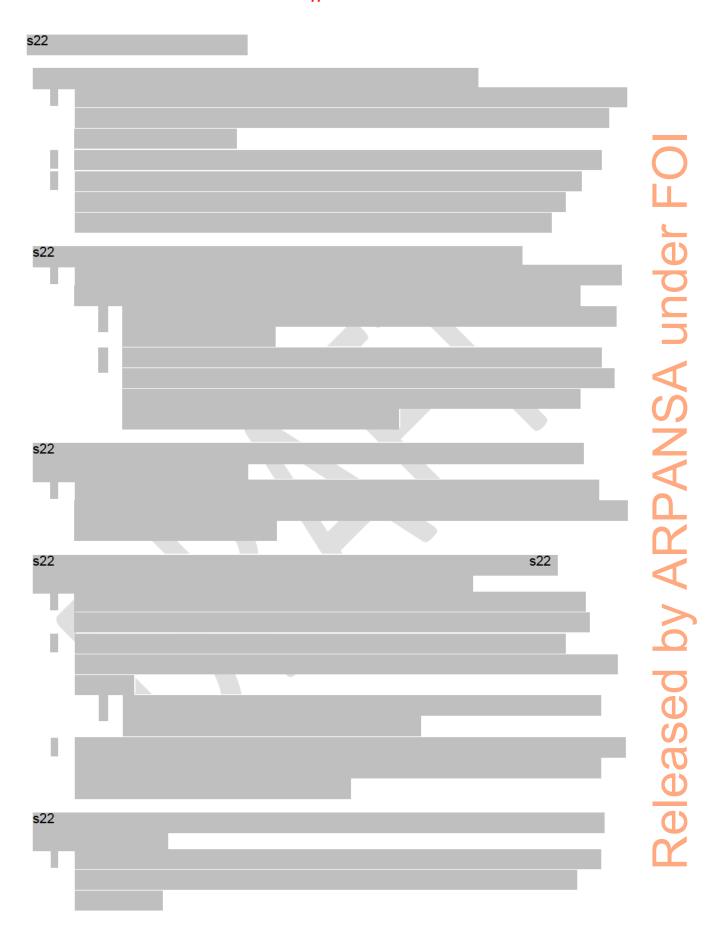
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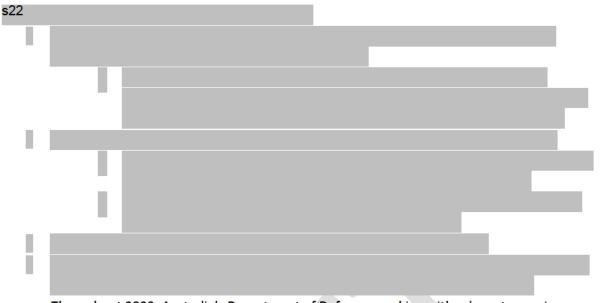
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Is Australia's acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines consistent with its objective of highly enriched uranium minimisation?

- Australia remains committed to highly enriched uranium (HEU) minimisation for civilian nuclear applications.
- The HEU fuel that will power Australia's submarines, once it is under the framework of Australia's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, will be subject to an appropriate safeguards and verification approach, consistent with Australia's non-proliferation obligations and commitments.



- Throughout 2023, Australia's Department of Defence, working with relevant agencies
 including the Australian Radioactive Waste Agency, will conduct a review to identify
 locations in the current or future Defence estate that could be suitable for the storage and
 disposal of intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste.
- The outcomes of the review will inform a more detailed process which will include consultation and engagement with stakeholders, including community and Indigenous groups, and consideration of wider social licence and economic implications.
- The review of the Defence estate does not change the Australian Government's commitment to the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility (the Facility).
 - Spent fuel is unable to be stored or disposed of at this Facility.
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Where will spent nuclear fuel be disposed?

- No decision has been made on the location for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel.
- Over 2023, Defence, in consultation with relevant agencies including the Australian Radioactive Waste Agency, will conduct a review of the current or future Defence estate to identify locations suitable for the storage and disposal of intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste, including spent nuclear fuel.
- The outcomes of the review will inform a more detailed process which will include consultation and engagement with stakeholders, including communities and Indigenous groups.



