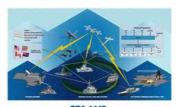
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Project Number	SEA1442 Phase 4
Project Name	MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS MODERNISATION
First Year Reported in the MPR	2014-15
Capability Type	Upgrade
Capability Manager	Chief of Navy
Government 1st Pass Approval	Dec 10
Government 2nd Pass Approval	Jul 13
Budget at 2nd Pass Approval	\$385.6m
Total Approved Budget (Current)	\$434.8m
2021-22 Budget	\$31.8m
Complexity	ACAT II



SEA 1442
Maritime Communications Modernisation

Section 1 - Project Summary

1.1 Project Description

SEA1442 Phase 4 will upgrade the communications capability in the eight Anzac Class Frigates and address communications system obsolescence in the Class, by modernising it with improved communications management, secure voice and tactical intercom, red/black switching, tactical radios and a high data rate line-of-sight capability. The project will also deliver support systems, a secondary Maritime Tactical Wide Area Network (MTWAN) Shore Gateway and upgrade the Anzac Combat System Trainer Communications Terminals.

1.2 Current Status

Cost Performance

In-year

This year the project has spent \$24.4m to 30 June 2022 of a budget of \$31.8m. The budget variance of \$7.4m underspend due to Prime Contractor contractual payments slipping to next FY; including Milestone payments, lower than anticipated spend for spares, Communications Control Management System upgrades, training services, additional cable and Power Distribution Panels purchases and resulting contract price escalation payments.

Project Financial Assurance Statement

As at 30 June 2022, Project SEA1442 Phase 4 has reviewed the project's approved scope and budget for those elements required to be delivered by Defence. Having reviewed the current financial contractual obligations of Defence for this project, current known risks and estimated future expenditure, Defence considers, as at the reporting date, there is sufficient budget remaining for the project to complete against the agreed scope.

Contingency Statement

The project has not applied contingency in the financial year.

Schedule Performance

Detailed Design Review (DDR) was delayed by 4 months due to delay in completion of design activities by the contractor which resulted in liquidated damages being invoked during the 2016/2017 Financial Year and accepted by the Commonwealth in the form of additional goods and services provided by the contractor.

Training System and Shore Integration Test Facility Acceptance occurred in November 2019, with three ship mission systems accepted to date; in April, July and September 2021.

The SEA1442 Phase 4 delivery and installation schedule has been aligned to the Anzac Midlife Capability Assurance Program (AMCAP) scheduling and the availability dates for the remaining ships are subject to change. This alignment of programs have resulted in the SEA1442 Phase 4 Initial Materiel Release (IMR) moving from June 2018 to being declared in September 2021. It was achieved with exceptions, which are detailed in s4.2 and s5.2 of the PDSS. Final Operating Capability (FOC) remains at April 25.

Materiel Capability/Scope Delivery Performance

The MTWAN Secondary Shore Gateway has been delivered and is operational, including the Training System and the Shore Integration Test Facility which were both accepted in November 2019. The first three Anzac ship systems (HMAS *Anzac, Arunta & Warramunga*) with associated support systems were delivered by the contractor to CASG in 2021. The IMR milestone was declared in September 2021 with minor exceptions, which are to be completed prior to Initial Operational Release (IOR).

Note

Forecast dates and capability assessments are excluded from the scope of the Auditor-General's Independent Assurance Report.

1.3 Project Context

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Forecast dates and Sections: 1.2 (Materiel Capability/Scope Delivery Performance), 1.3 (Major Risks and Issues), 4.1 (Measures of Materiel Capability/Scope Delivery Performance), and 5 (Major Risks and Issues) are excluded from the scope of the ANAO's review of this Project Data Summary Sheet. Information on the scope of the review is provided in the Independent Assurance Report by the Auditor-General in Part 3 of this report.

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Background

SEAT442 (Maritime Communications Modernisation) is a multi-phased program that will modernise the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) communications infrastructure. The preceding phase (Phase 3) delivered an initial MTWAN and Message Handling System to the RAN's Major Fleet Units.

SEA1442 Phase 4 will address critical obsolescence problems affecting the communication systems in the RAN Anzac Class frigates. The modernised communications system (NewGen MCS) will be highly integrated and automated to deliver more agile and faster communication and reduce operator intervention. The project scope includes upgrade of various communications systems in the eight Anzac frigates, establishment of a training system at HMAS Stirling and a shore integration and test capability at the prime contractor's facility for in-service support, delivery of a secondary MTWAN shore gateway, and upgrade of the Anzac Combat System Trainer Communications Terminals.

The majority of individual equipment and sub-systems are either existing Military or Commercial grade items. Some development is required and involves functionality enhancements and Australianisation of the Military or Commercial grade items. The main complexity is in bringing the sub-systems together as a highly integrated and automated system and installation in the ships, cognisant of existing weapons, sensors, emitters, and specific platform requirements.

Government Second Pass approval was achieved in July 2013. Prime acquisition and 5-year support services contracts were awarded to Selex ES Ltd in November 2013 following an open tender process. Selex ES Ltd changed its name to Leonardo MW Ltd in September 2016 and to Leonardo UK Ltd in March 2021.

Under the acquisition contract, Leonardo UK will: design, develop and install the NewGen MCS into the eight Anzac Class frigates; design, develop and install the support systems (including a training system and an integration and test capability); and develop and deliver integrated logistic support products. The support services contract became operative in November 2020.

The project is also managing the acquisition of ARC-210 Gen 5 V/UHF multi-band multi-mode software defined radios through FMS with the US Government. The radios form part of the NewGen MCS.

Uniqueness

An advanced feature of the system includes a unique radio frequency distribution system that will allow automated and efficient switching of the multitude of radios and antennae on each ship in order to establish the most effective communications path. The high data rate line of sight system is a new capability and will be a step towards enabling the RAN to operate in a satellite denied environment and enable more efficient ship-to-ship communication.

Major Risks and Issues

The risk that Navy may take an upgraded vessel prior to the completion of testing and acceptance of the communications system was identified during 2022. The project continues to manage issues relating to the COVID-19 outbreak disruption and deficiencies in the Prime Contractor's engineering management and resource management. The project is managing the issue of its installation activities within the AMCAP Program being delayed due to problems with concurrent work being carried out by other Projects/maintenance activities. Navy's support for the declaration of IMR was provided with an understanding that several issues identified had not been completed and this work is being managed by the Project.

Other Current Related Projects/Phases

N/A

Note

Major risks and issues are excluded from the scope of the Auditor-General's Independent Assurance Report.

Section 2 - Financial Performance

2.1 Project Budget (out-turned) and Expenditure History

Date	Description	\$m	Notes
	Project Budget		
Dec 10	Original Approved (First Pass Approval) Government Second Pass Approval	11.4	
Jul 13	··	374.3 <u> </u>	_
	Total at Second Pass Approval	385.6	-
Jun 22 Jun 22	Exchange Variation Total Budget	49.1 434.8	
	Project Expenditure		
Prior to Jun 21	Leonardo US Government WAMA Nova Systems Other Contract Payments / Internal Expenses	(211.9) (15.3) (9.2) (3.9) (11.2) (251.5)	2
FY to Jun 22	Leonardo WAMA Nova Systems Other Contract Payments / Internal Expenses	(18.3) (1.4) (3.7) (1.0)(24.4)	
Jun 22	Total Expenditure	(275.9)	3
Jun 22	Remaining Budget	158.9	-

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1	The scape of this contract is explained further in Section 2.2. Details of Project Major Contract

- The scope of this contract is explained further in Section 2.3 Details of Project Major Contracts.
 Other expenditure of note include \$2.9m for travel and purchasing card payments, \$0.3m for Legal Services, \$3.1m for Technical Services, \$1.0m for Scheduler Support, \$1.9m for the purchase of Specialised Military Equipment, \$0.5m for System Engineering Services and \$0.3m for the development of Capability Definition Documents and other extant expenditure of \$1.2m.
- 3 Other expenditure of note include \$.7m for System Engineering Services and \$0.1m for Technical Services

2.2A In-vear Budget Estimate Variance

z.zA in-year budget Estimate variance						
Estimate	Estimate	Estimate Final	Explanation of Material Movements			
PBS \$m	PAES \$m	Plan \$m				
40.0	31.7	31.8	The variation from PBS to PAES is largely due to less than			
			anticipated spare parts deliveries and a delay to two Milestones;			
			Support System Endurance Demonstration and the Installation			
			Complete Ship#5 Milestone; both moved to the next financial year.			
			Variation between PAES and Final Plan is due to an adjustment in			
			exchange rates.			
Variance \$m	(8.3)	0.1	Total Variance (\$m): (8.2)			
Variance %	(20.8%)	0.3%	Total Variance (%): (20.5%)			

2.2B In-year Budget/Expenditure Variance

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Estimate Final Plan \$m	Actual \$m	Variance \$m	Variance Factor	Explanation						
		(7.4)	Australian Industry	Underspend due to Prime Contractor						
				contractual payments slipping to next FY;						
				including Milestone payments, lower than						
			Defence Processes	anticipated spend for spares,						
			Foreign Government	Communications Control Management						
				System upgrades, training services,						
			Cost Saving	additional cable and Power Distribution						
			Effort in Support of Operations	Panels purchases and resulting contract						
				price escalation payments.						
			Approvals	[' '						
31.8	24.4	(7.4)	Total Variance							
		(23.3%)	% Variance							

2.3 Details of Project Major Contracts

	Cianatura	Price at		Type (Price	Form of	
Contractor	Signature Date	Signature \$m	30 Jun 22 \$m	Basis)	Contract	Notes
Leonardo UK	Nov 2013	187.7	288.2	Variable	Standard Defence Contract	1, 2, 3
US Government (AT-P- BSH)	Dec 2014	17.0	15.4	Firm	FMS	1, 3, 4
WAMA	Dec 2017	7.5	15.5	Variable with Pain/Gain Share	Alliance	5
Nova Systems	Mar 2019	0.2	12.3	Variable	Integrated Work Package	6

Notes

- 1 Contract value at 30 June 2022 is based on actual expenditure to 30 June 2022 and remaining commitment at current budget exchange rates, and includes adjustments for indexation (where applicable).
- The contract price has increased to include the recommended spare parts list and to extend the contracted period in line with Navy's ship upgrade program.
- 3 The scope of this contract is explained further below.
- 4 Change in FMS value is due to acceptance of Amendment number 1 to FMS case AT-P-BSH. Decrease in FMS value is due to lower unit prices and associated costs for technical assistance and administration fees.
- WAMA consists of Commonwealth of Australia, BAE Systems Maritime Australia (BAE), Saab Australia Pty Ltd (Saab) and Naval Ship Management Pty Ltd (NSM). The primary Industry Partner for SEA1442 Phase 4 tasking is BAE.
- 6 Provision of multi-discipline workforce to deliver the JC4S Branch Integrated Work Package via the CASG Major Service Provider Arrangement. Operational changes have led to an increase in the contracted workforce.

0 t t	Contracted Quantities as at		C	Mister
Contractor	Signature	30 Jun 22	Scope	Notes
Leonardo UK	See scope	See scope	8 ship mission systems 1 training system 1 Shore Integration and Test facility 3 deployable High Data Rate line-of-sight systems	
US Government (AT-P-BSH)	131	140	ARC-210 Gen 5 radios, technical data, and technical support.	1
WAMA	N/A	N/A	Provision of all site project management and support services for SEA1442 Phase 4 for the entirety of the Anzac Mid Life Capability Assurance Program (AMCAP) as well as other tasks to incorporate the NewGen MCS into the ANZAC environment.	
Nova Systems	N/A	N/A	Provision of multi-discipline workforce to deliver the JC4S Branch Integrated Work Package.	

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Major equipment accepted and quantities to 30 Jun 22

MTWAN Secondary Gateway, Training Systems, Shore Integration and Test Facility (SITF) and three ship mission systems have been accepted

Notes

1 Additional radios ordered as spare parts.

Section 3 - Schedule Performance

3.1 Design Review Progress

Review	Major System/Platform Variant	Original Planned	Current Contracted	Achieved/F orecast	Variance (Months)	Notes
System Requirements	NewGen MCS and Support System	Sep 14	N/A	Dec 14	3	1
Preliminary Design	NewGen MCS and Support System	May 15	Sep 15	Sep 15	4	2
Detailed Design	MTWAN Secondary Gateway	Sep 14	N/A	Jan 15	4	3
_	NewGen MCS	Oct 16	N/A	Feb 17	4	4
	Support System	Apr 17	Jun 17	Sep 17	5	5
	First of Class Integration Detailed Design Review (IDDR)	May 17	N/A	Oct 17	5	6

Notes

- 1 Delayed from originally planned due to slow ramp up/contractor performance.
- 2 Contract schedule re-baselined to reflect previous System Definition Review (SDR) milestone slippage and contractor's improved understanding of the work.
- 3 MTWAN System Requirements and Preliminary Design addressed prior to Second Pass Approval. In order to minimise risk to the operational network upon connection of the MTWAN Secondary Gateway, a demonstration of the design in the MTWAN shore integration facility was requested prior to design acceptance. This required additional time to complete.
- 4 The conduct of the Detailed Design Review (DDR) and its associated system demonstration occurred four months later than the contracted date which triggered liquidated damages.
 - The Contractor achieved the Support System DDR in September 2017 (five months later than the Contract Date due to delays resulting from the later than planned achievement of DDR).
- 6 The Contractor achieved the First of Class IDDR in October 2017 (five months later than the Contract Date due to delays resulting from the later than planned achievement of DDR).

3.2 Contractor Test and Evaluation Progress

Test and Evaluation	Major System/Platform Variant	Original Planned	Current Contracted	Achieved/Forecast	Variance (Months)	Notes
System Integration	NewGen MCS	Jun 18	Jul 20	Apr 21	34	1
Acceptance	MTWAN Secondary Gateway	Apr 15	N/A	Mar 15	(1)	
	Training System	Jun 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	29	2
	Shore Integration and Test Facility (SITF)	Dec 16	Mar 19	Nov 19	35	3
	Ship #1	Jun 18	Jul 21	Jul 21	37	1,4
	Ship #2	Apr 19	Apr 21	Apr 21	24	1,4
	Ship #3	Nov 19	Sep 21	Sep 21	23	4
	Ship #4	Jun 20	Jul 22	Jul 22	25	4
	Ship #5	Feb 21	Jan 23	Jan 23	23	4
	Ship #6	Sep 21	Sep 23	Sep 23	24	4
	Ship #7	Apr 22	Feb 24	Feb 24	22	4
N	Ship #8	Sep 22	Sep 24	Sep 24	24	4

- Delays attributed to alignment with planned ship availability per the AMCAP, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically travel restrictions which resulted in the contractor's UK based personnel being unable to travel to undertake set-to-work and acceptance testing in WA, and the project being unable to travel to carry out onsite test and trials activities with the contractor.
- 2 Contract Change Proposal (CCP-011) of 25 June 2018 included an adjustment of the schedule for this Milestone. This Milestone was achieved in November 19, being twelve months later than the updated Contract Date.
- 3 SITF acceptance date initially incorrectly positioned in the contract. The delay is due to the need to use the SITF during Ship #1 test and acceptance period which was extended when SEA1442 Phase 4 was aligned to AMCAP. This Milestone was achieved in November 2019, being eight months later than the updated Contract Date.
- 4 Ship availability and schedule is driven by AMCAP. Forecast and current contract dates have been aligned with the AMCAP dates updated in 30 Jun 2022. Leonardo UK to be advised 90 days prior to commencement of each ship installation period.

3.3 Progress Toward Materiel Release and Operational Capability Milestones

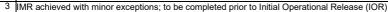
Item	Original Planned	Achieved/Forecast	Variance (Months)	Notes
Initial Materiel Release (IMR)	Jun 18	Sep 21	39	1,2,3
Initial Operational Capability (IOC)	Dec 18	Oct 22	46	1,2
Materiel Release 2 – Ship # 2	Apr 19	Apr 21	24	1,2
Materiel Release 3 – Ship # 3	Dec 19	Sep 21	21	1,2
Materiel Release 4 – Ship # 4	Aug 20	Sep 22	25	1,2
Materiel Release 5 – Ship # 5	Apr 21	Mar 23	23	1,2
Materiel Release 6 – Ship # 6	Dec 21	Dec 23	24	1,2
Materiel Release 7 – Ship # 7	Aug 22	May 24	21	1,2
Final Materiel Release (FMR)	May 23	Dec 24	19	1,2
Final Operational Capability (FOC)	Dec 23	Apr 25	16	1,2

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Ship availability and schedule is driven by AMCAP. The delays were mainly due to the AMCAP program/schedule which had a follow on effect on Material Release including IMR and IOC. The availability dates for the remaining ships are subject to change. Forecast dates have been aligned with the AMCAP dates as at June 2022. Leonardo UK to be advised 90 days prior to commencement of each ship installation period.

See Section 4.1 of this PDSS for a definition of these milestones.





Forecast dates in Section 3 are excluded from the scope of the Auditor-General's Independent Assurance Report.

Section 4 – Materiel Capability/Scope Delivery Performance

4.1 Measures of Materiel Capability/Scope Delivery Performance

Traffic Light Diagram: Percentage Break	Traffic Light Diagram: Percentage Breakdown of Materiel Capability/Scope Delivery Performance					
100%	Green: The Project expects to meet capability materiel requirements as per the Joint Project Directive, Materiel Acquisition Agreement and relevant Technical Regulatory Authority.					
0%	Amber: N/A					
0%	Red: N/A					

This Traffic Light Diagram represents Defence's expected capability delivery. Capability assessments and forecast dates are excluded from the scope of the Auditor-General's Independent Assurance Report.

4.2 Constitution of Materiel Release and Operational Capability Milestones

Item	Explanation	Achievement
Initial Materiel Release (IMR)	Ship 1 acceptance, training system, shore integration and test facility, ship 1 crew training, and support arrangements in place.	Achieved September 2021; with minor exceptions; to be completed prior to Initial Operational Release (IOR)
Initial Operational Capability (IOC)	ANZAC Class ship fitted with the new equipment and proven through testing to communicate with other platforms using voice, High Frequency Internet Protocol and High Data Rate Line of sight. IOC expected to be achieved by October 2022.	Not yet achieved
Final Materiel Release (FMR)	All 8 ships accepted and all support arrangements in place. FMR is expected to be achieved in September 2024.	Not yet achieved.
Final Operational Capability (FOC)	Operational Release and FMR have been met and endorsed by CN. FOC will occur when all 8 Ships have been Accepted and all Crew Training has been successfully completed, and the Support System elements are in place and running in accordance with respective Contract requirements. FOC is expected to be achieved in April 2025.	Not yet achieved

Section 5 - Major Risks and Issues

1 Major Project Ricks

5. I Major Project Risks	
Identified Risks (risk identified by standard project risk management processes)	
Description	Remedial Action
N/A	

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Emergent Risks (risk not previously identified but has emerged during 2021–22)		
Description	Remedial Action	
There is a chance that if the Navy takes an upgraded ship prior to testing & acceptance, a loss of warranty coverage could result, leading to an increase in costs.	Continue to liaise closely with Leonardo, Navy, ANZAC SPO and the WAMA through established working groups and regular meetings to ensure stakeholders are aware of the status of Ships' communications readiness and to assist with expediting readiness if required to support Navy.	

5.2 Major Project Issues

Description	Remedial Action
COVID-19 Outbreak Disruption – The outbreak has had a number of effects on the Project.	The effects of COVID-19 created a number of issues for the Project including: Reduced ability of the ACT-based Project team and Defence SME's to travel to WA to support the installation and carry out testing and witnessing activities; Limitations on the UK contractor's team to travel to Australia to support installation. The end to travel restrictions in early 2022 has reduced the impact of this issue.
Deficiencies in Prime Contractors Engineering Management and Resource Management effecting the likelihood of Milestone achievement.	Work with the Contractor to assist estimation of the time required to produce Milestone Deliverables and other artefacts and to assist it employing and retaining sufficient technical and installation staff. Being actively managed by Team with Contractor. Improvements noted in recent times due to lifting of COVID-related travel & platform access issues.
Ship Installation in the AMCAP Program is delayed due to problems with concurrent work being carried out by other Projects/maintenance activities such as unrelated but neighbouring installation activities.	Our ability to reduce the occurrence of this issue is limited as communications testing is one of the last activities of an AMCAP installation so is always subject to delay caused by other activities running late. The Project & Contractor continue to actively participate directly in AMCAP Scheduling activities to develop and maintain the Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) and participate in regular production meetings. The addition of a team member with senior AMCAP experience has mitigated this issue; ensuring Project priorities are well represented to AMCAP management.
Several Milestones have been deemed complete with the undertaking that uncompleted items are to be completed as entry criteria to later Milestones.	IMR - IMR was achieved with minor exceptions with the support of Navy; which are to be completed prior to declaration of the IOR Navy milestone. The Project Team is working with its Navy sponsor to ensure the timely completion of the outstanding items. Leonardo Contractual Milestones - Outstanding Minor actions are tracked in meeting minutes with agreed completion dates as entry to future milestones.

Note

Major risks and issues in Section 5 are excluded from the scope of the Auditor-General's Independent Assurance Report.

Section 6 - Lessons Learned

6.1 Key Lessons Learned

Description	Categories of Systemic Lessons
Ensure requirements are clear, unambiguous, and that a common understanding is established between all parties as early as possible, including the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, Capability Manager, end-user community and the contractor.	Requirements Management
Interfaces, and in particular legacy interfaces, need to be well defined, consistent, documented, and well understood by all parties. The risk profile and associated contingency needs to include interface management.	Requirements Management
More attention needs to be given to the possible impacts when tailoring the Standard Defence Contract suite of contracting templates to suit individual project context and strategy in order to avoid unnecessary detail, resource burden, cost and schedule.	Contract Management
Additional effort is required by the project team during contract negotiations to assess and better understand scope, schedule, risk, cost and resource commitments made under the contract, including an assessment that the schedule is realistic.	Contract Management
Pay close attention to schedule and ensure all work is captured, logical and can form a basis for sound management post contract award. Alignment of multiple schedules in a complex multi contractor environment, such as between SEA1442 Phase 4 and AMCAP, can be a source of additional and unnecessary effort if not closely monitored and aligned.	Schedule Management

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Access to appropriately skilled and experienced resources is critical to achieving project planning and management objectives.	Resourcing Schedule Management
Project Team coordination of the training program and data codification involves significant effort and preferably dedicated experienced Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) resources should be allocated early in the Project.	Resourcing
Ship availability may be subject to change with minimal notice and may impact on the contractor's ability to deliver against key milestones. Ensuring effective communication between the project office, the Capability Manager and other relevant Defence stakeholders is essential. This will ensure all stakeholders are aware of what capability is being received if schedules change unexpectedly.	Platform Availability
Importance of a localised workforce. In response to COVID-19 related travel issues affecting the ability to travel and issues relating to the CASG team being based away from installation activities in West Australia, the Project has prioritised locating key workforce in WA and encouraged the Contractor to empower its local WA based subsidiary to take on more responsibilities.	Resourcing
The effort involved in managing spare parts may be underestimated initially by a Project. Whilst there is estimated spares usage data available for planning initial spares purchases; actual usage once the Capability has been released must be closely monitored and reacted to promptly. Spares usage has varied significantly in some cases and some spare parts lead times are quite long.	Spare Parts Management

Section 7 – Project Structure

7.1 Project Structure as at 30 June 2022

Unit Unit	Name
Division	Joint Systems
Branch	Joint C4 Systems