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**Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2026-27 Budget Estimates**

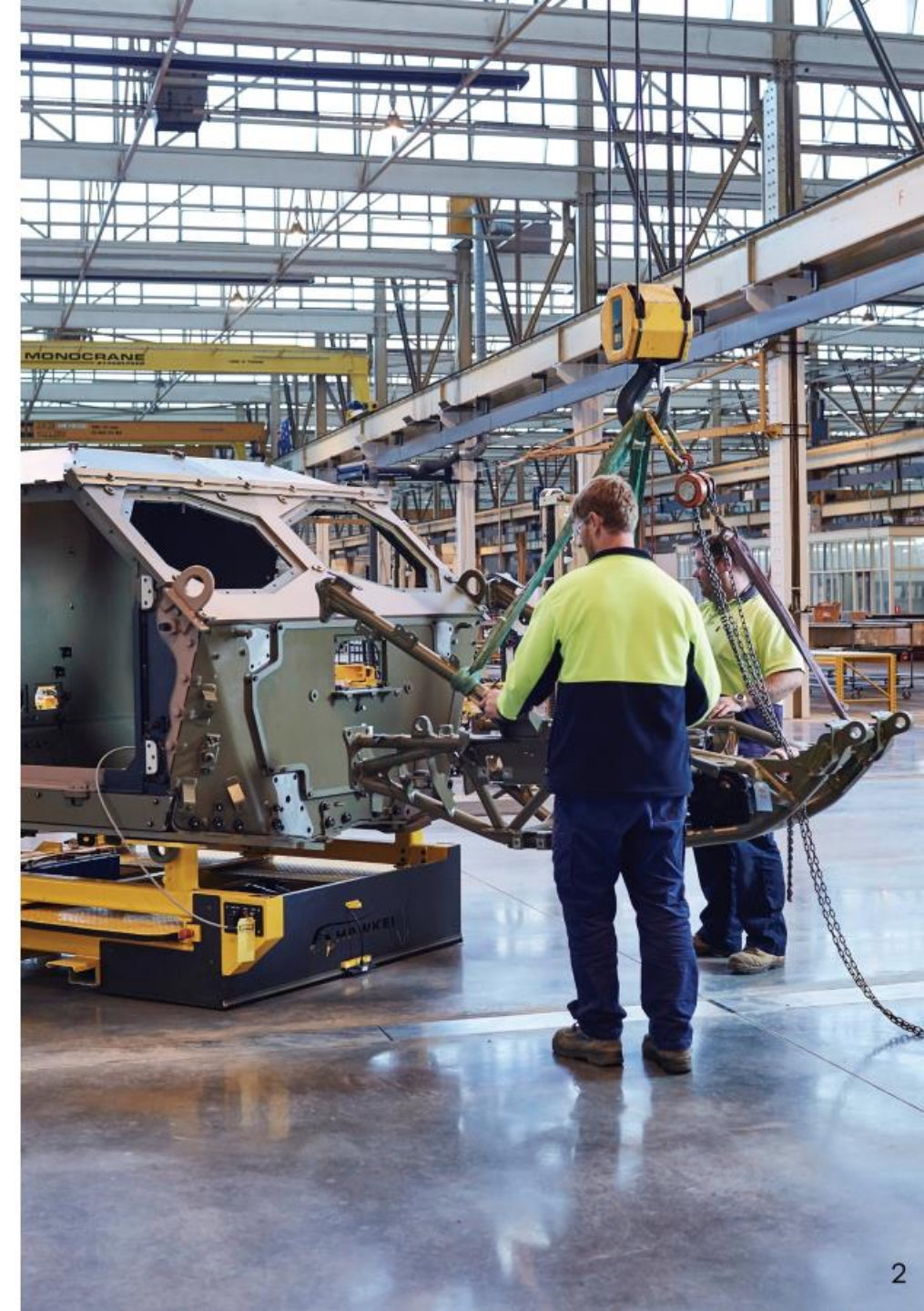
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State of the Portfolio

- Victoria – and its peerless supply chain – will benefit from record Australian Government defence investment, amounting to **\$425 billion** over the next decade.
- Victoria's defence sector generates **over \$10.9 billion** in direct annual expenditure, delivering **\$4.9 billion in GVA** benefits and **\$1.7 billion** in annual exports.
- Defence sector businesses employ over **29,000 people**.
- The **Victorian Defence Industry Advocate** is taking a leading role promoting Victoria's defence capabilities.
- Victoria has **key strengths for AUKUS** Pillars 1 & 2, identified in the Victorian Defence Vision Statement:
 - nuclear-powered submarines; and
 - advanced capabilities, such as cyber, AI, quantum and hypersonics.





Our Achievements

- ➔ Building on the clear policy direction set by the **Victorian Defence Vision Statement 2030**.
- ➔ Maintained Victoria as the **only Australian state** to host two of the Asia-Pacific's largest AMDA trade shows, with the Avalon Airshow in 2027 and Land Forces in 2028.

Our Achievements

- Delivered more than \$3.2 million in grants to 44 businesses through the **Victorian Land Systems Fund – Supply Chain Uplift Program**.
- Hosting **over 60 defence companies on the Victorian Pavilion at Indo-Pacific** in November 2025, so they can attract new business in domestic and global markets.
- Memoranda of Understanding to facilitate supply chain and workforce uplift for **AUKUS Pillars 1 & 2** in November 2025.

