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APPOINTMENT AS SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

It is a great privilege to be appointed as the Shadow Minister for Defence.

I look forward to working with Defence, the government and the various related community organisations and institutions in ensuring Australia's security.

Labor is committed to fostering a strong, viable and long-term domestic defence industry.

We will continue to work to ensure Australia retains a world-class defence force and innovative defence industry.

I have always had the utmost respect for those who have served and are currently serving our nation. I am committed to ensuring our ADF personnel and their families are properly supported.

I acknowledge my predecessor, Stephen Conroy for his hard work in this portfolio and thank Bill Shorten for the opportunity to serve the Labor Party in this role.

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