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PAYNE MUST FOCUS ON HER DAY JOB, NOT NEW YORK

Today's ANAO into the Army's workforce management has again showed Defence Minister Payne has no interest in doing her day job.

The report found the Army has more positions than the Government has funded, and that 10 of the Army's 99 workforce categories have either serious or critical workforce issues.

Making sure our Army is well equipped, well prepared, and well-staffed is the Minister's job. That's what she should be focussed on every day, not defending her job from Christopher Pyne while she waits to be posted to New York.

Australia deserves a Defence Minister who pays attention to the job, not future postings.

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