

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: Department of Defence
Topic: Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap

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Question:

When was the last time the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America Relating to the Establishment of Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap, renewed? What is the current notice of termination on the agreement? Are there plans to renew this agreement? When does it expire?

Answer:

The Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America Relating to the Establishment of Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap ('The Agreement') remains in force.

Implementation of the Agreement is subject to regular consultation between Australia and the United States of America.

The Agreement was last renewed by way of an Exchange of Notes signed in 1998.

The Exchange of Notes extended the Agreement for a period of ten years from 16 November 1998 to remain in force thereafter until terminated, and provides for termination provisions that enable either party to notify the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement.