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Australian Government  
Australian Submarine Agency

Ministerial Brief for Action

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FOR: Deputy Prime Minister  
CC: SEC, CDF, VCDF, DEPSEC GOV, ASSOCSEC,  
FASMECC

Action by: 29 July 2024

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Key Issues:

s22 [Redacted]  
The Principles to Guide Strategic Cost Issues – Summary of Conclusion [Attachment A] outlines principles for AUKUS partners to govern cost-sharing associated with the Optimal Pathway. s22 [Redacted]

Recommendations:

Decision

That you:

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| 1. <b>Approve</b> the Principles to Guide Strategic Cost Issues [Attachment A] | <b>Approve/Not approved</b> |
| 2. s22 [Redacted]  |                             |

Media Considerations:

s33(a)(iii) [Redacted]

Signature:

The Hon Richard Marles MP  
July 2024

Minister comments:

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Sensitivity: Yes.

1. s33(a)(iii)

Financial Impacts: No.

Systems/legislation/deregulation: No.

Consultation: Yes.

2. The Principles to Guide Strategic Cost Issues were agreed at officials' level in July 2023 by AUKUS Submarine Executive Group (ASEG) principals VADM Jonathan Mead, Director-General ASA;  
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s33(a)(iii)
3. s22
4. s22

Attachments:

Attachment A Principles to Guide Strategic Cost Issues – Summary of Conclusion

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Background:

Principles to Guide Strategic Cost Issues

5. The Principles to Guide Strategic Cost Issues were agreed by officials in July 2023 to articulate the trilateral approach to determining costs apportionment between AUKUS partners. s33(a)(iii)
6. s33(a)(iii)