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Voortouwcommissie: **vaste commissie voor Defensie**
Volgcommissie(s): vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken

Activiteit: **Gesprek**
Datum: dinsdag 19 januari 2010
Tijd: 09.00 - 09.30 uur
Openbaar/besloten: besloten

Onderwerp: Australische luitenant generaal Mark Evans

**Gesprek met de Australische luitenant generaal Mark Evans over de
Nederlands – Australische samenwerking in Afghanistan (zie bijgevoegd cv).**

Griffier: T.N.J. de Lange

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Lieutenant General Mark Evans, AO, DSC was born in Malaya in 1953 and was educated in the United Kingdom. After serving for five years in the British Army, Lieutenant General Evans joined the Australian Army in 1976.

Lieutenant General Evans' early career was spent in a variety of regimental, instructional and operational staff postings, primarily in the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, and with Headquarters 3rd Brigade (Operational Deployment Force). In 1985 he served with the United Nations in the Middle East.

Lieutenant General Evans commanded a parachute rifle company in the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment for two years prior to his attendance at Australian Command and Staff College in 1988. He was then posted as the Brigade Major of 3rd Brigade until 1991.

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On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in December 1991, he served as Staff Officer Grade One, Joint Plans in the Operations Division and then as the Military Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff.

In 1992-93 Lieutenant General Evans commanded the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, for which he was made a Member of the Order of Australia. He was later promoted to Colonel in December 1994 and was posted as the Director of Officer Career Management - Army. Since then he has served as the Director of Joint Planning in Strategic Command Division and has completed the course at the Australian College of Defence and Strategic Studies.

In December 1998, Lieutenant General Evans was posted as Commander 3rd Brigade. Whilst holding this position, he commanded 3rd Brigade in East Timor during Operation Warden for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He was then posted to Canberra in January 2001 and served as the Director General Personnel-Army. He was promoted to Major General in July 2002 and assumed command of the 1st Division at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera.

On 13 April 2004 Lieutenant General Evans assumed the new position of Deputy Chief of Joint Operations at Headquarters Joint Operations Command. He was responsible to the Chief of Defence Force for the conduct of ADF operations in the Middle East, East Timor, the Solomon Islands and in Sumatra during the tsunami disaster.

He was then posted as Head Defence Personnel Executive on 4 July 2005. He was made an Officer in the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force in senior command and staff appointments on 11 June 2007.

In June 2007 he was posted to the Middle East Area of Operations as Commander Joint Task Force 633 where he was responsible for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lieutenant General Evans was promoted to his current rank on 13 June 2008 and took up the position of Chief of Joint Operations on 18 June 2008.

He has a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from Latrobe University.

Lieutenant General Evans is married to Veronica and they have two children: Camilla, 24 and Thomas, 22.

Lieutenant General Evans has a wide variety of interests that include military history, reading, walking and watching Veronica gardening.