

## **Costly F111 contract**

The statement by Mr Coates, MHR, that he is not convinced that the contract for the F111 fighter - bombers is a good one, is surely the understatement of the year.

The F111 deal was originally started as an election gimmick in November, 1963 (before the December election that year) by the then Menzies' Liberal Government. Since then it has turned into the most costly scandal ever foisted on the Australian taxpayer.

The result is that after spending hundreds of millions of dollars we have an obsolete plane which the Americans no longer intend manufacturing.

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