



STATEMENT

Liberals refuse to commit to F-35 fighter jet model, timeline

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Ottawa, ON – Pierre Paul-Hus, Conservative Shadow Minister for Public Services and Procurement, and the Hon. Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Conservative Shadow Minister for National Defence, issued the following statement regarding the F-35 fighter jet announcement:

“Today, the Liberals announced they will be starting discussions to potentially award a contract at the end of 2022 to Lockheed Martin Corp. for F-35 fighter jets if negotiations go well. From the start, Conservatives have been steadfast in pressing the government to quickly replace Canada’s CF-18 fighter jets. This announcement is a far cry from the commitment and clarity Canadians expect from their federal government.

“The fact of the matter is that Justin Trudeau has failed to provide our military with the equipment they require. He has wasted time and taxpayers’ dollars in an attempt to keep political promises that do nothing to keep Canadians safer.

“As the world is gripped with Russian aggression, it is more important than ever for our military to have the equipment it needs to protect our vast borders and support our NATO allies.

“Canada’s Conservatives are the only party that will stand up for our men and women in uniform and ensure that they have the necessary equipment to protect our country.”