

## Response to journalist 15 August 2016

### QUESTION

I am seeking clarification on the below response sent to me today.

This is information I received on June 13: "The current preliminary sampling investigation commenced in May 2016. The objective of the preliminary sampling is to determine whether PFOS and PFOA are present on the base. This preliminary sampling investigation has taken approximately 10 samples of bore and surface water within the boundaries of RAAF Base Townsville. To date Defence has not undertaken any testing outside of the boundaries of the base. **The preliminary sampling investigation has been completed** and Defence will receive results in late July 2016."

As highlighted in bold, the information seemingly contradicts today's response that states: "all sampling conducted at RAAF Base Townsville was completed by the end of July."

Could the correct information please be clarified as soon as possible today. At this stage it appears that the release of tests results has been delayed by a month as per previous correspondence.

### RESPONSE

In previous correspondence, Defence did not state that these reports would be released to the community at the end of July.

Preliminary sampling has been completed and Defence has now received a draft report. Defence is reviewing its contents and conducting a thorough analysis of the data in consultation with relevant local and state government agencies.

When this analysis is complete Defence will engage with the local community.