

Questions:

- 1. How much AFFF is currently being held at RAAF base Townsville in a stockpile or another way?**
- 2. What considerations or reviews of Defence's own use of AFFF in Qld will the department undertake on the back of the new state government ban?**
- 3. What date this month does Defence expect the results from bore water tests at RAAF base Townsville done in May to come back?**

Response:

Defence acknowledges the announcement made by the Queensland State Government on the phase out policy for legacy aqueous film forming foams.

Defence does not maintain stocks of the legacy aqueous film forming foams.

From 2004 - 2011, Defence phased out the legacy aqueous film forming foams. Defence transitioned to a new, more environmentally friendly product called Ansulite for use on the Defence estate. Ansulite is used by Defence in emergency situations where human life is at risk, or in controlled environments to test equipment. Any Ansulite used for testing is captured and treated and/or disposed of at licensed waste disposal facilities.

Defence is currently finalising a detailed environmental investigation to identify the extent and levels of PFOS and PFOA compounds on, and in the vicinity of, Army Aviation Centre - Oakey. All detailed site investigations, comprising of a preliminary site investigation and detailed site investigation, are undertaken in accordance with the National Environment Protection Measure Framework (NEPM), specifically the Assessment of Site Contamination measure.

Further information on Oakey environmental investigation, please refer to the Defence website: <http://www.defence.gov.au/ID/PFOSPFOA/>