

Re: the long-term environmental investigation and assessment of the groundwater beneath the Army Aviation Centre Oakey (AACO) site and surrounding area:

Q1. Can Defence provide any update on the progress of this investigation and when are its overall results expected?

As at 20 May 2016 Defence has collected 329 domestic water samples with 161 returning a 'nil detect' result.

As at 20 May 2016 Defence has delivered 80 'nil detect' letters and 90 'detect' letters to properties.

As at 20 May 2016, the following sampling has been completed for the Environmental Investigation (Stage 2A-2C):

- o Installed 77 monitoring wells
- o Collected 470 groundwater samples
- o Collected 64 surface water samples
- o Collected 272 soil samples.

The following deliverables are due for the environmental investigation at Oakey:

- o Environmental Site Assessment – 15 July 2016
- o Human Health Risk Assessment – 16 August 2016
- o Ecological Risk Assessment – 23 August 2016.

Defence investigations at Army Aviation Centre Oakey are expected to be finalised in the third quarter of 2016.

Q2. What involvement will Defence have, if any, in the study of causes and health effects in the areas impacted by these firefighting chemicals?

Due to being in a caretaker period, any queries about the coalition's proposal on contamination should be directed to the Minister's office (02) 6277 7800.