

**Question**

I'm just following up to find out when PFAS testing is due to start at the Wagga RAAF base. Have specific dates been set out for the testing program and if not when is that expected?

**Response**

Defence is consulting with relevant federal, state and local authorities and is working with expert consultants to finalise details of the investigation at RAAF Base Wagga, including specific commencement dates. The investigation will commence in the first half of 2017 and will take approximately 12 months to complete in accordance with the National Environmental Protection (Assessment of Contaminated Sites) Measure (NEPM) framework.

Defence is committed to engaging with the local community throughout this investigation and will provide further information, including a community briefing, prior to its commencement.