

**Response provided to journalist
12 October 2017**

Question:

I've read reports today saying the results of the HMAS Albatross firefighting foam tests will be released by the end of the year.

Just wanted to confirm this.

Response:

In April 2017, Defence conducted a community walk-in session to provide the local community with an update on the second stage of the environmental investigation into PFAS, the Detailed Site Investigation (DSI).

Since April, further sampling of groundwater off base, plants and animals has been conducted to inform both the DSI and Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA), which are both anticipated to be completed and publically published by the end of 2017.

See more about the Albatross Investigation Summary on our website:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/Environment/PFAS/Albatross/communityupdates.asp>