

Questions:

Just hoping to get an update on the PFAS investigation at the Edinburgh RAAF base.

Have any further test results been obtained since the November results were released? If so, what have these latest results shown? What are the next steps? When will the investigation be completed? When will results be released?

Response to all:

Defence is conducting additional sampling as part of the Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) that commenced in April 2017. This sampling is being conducted to accurately understand the movement of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the environment and to identify possible exposure pathways to PFAS. The sampling results will continue to build the overall picture of the nature and extent of PFAS on, and in the vicinity of, RAAF Base Edinburgh.

Concurrently with the DSI, analysis for the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) continues. The findings of the HHERA will provide a better understanding of exposure risks posed by PFAS to people and the environment as well as assist in the development of a PFAS Management Area Plan that is tailored to the unique conditions of the site.

The final DSI and HHERA investigation reports are expected to be finalised in late-2018. Defence is planning to hold community walk-in sessions in the coming months to provide an update on the progress of the DSI and the HHERA. Further details of the sessions will be advertised closer to the date.