

**Response provided to journalist
7 May 2019**

Question:

The department, in December, said it was going to undertake a human health and environmental risk assessment of the Edinburgh RAAF base and surrounding area as part of its PFAS investigation.

Has this been completed and if so, what were the results? Can I please receive a copy of the results report? If it has not been completed, when is it expected to be finalised?

Response:

Based on the investigation findings to date, Defence has commenced a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) at RAAF Base Edinburgh which is expected to be completed in mid-2019.

The HHERA will evaluate potential PFAS exposure pathways to people, plants and animals and will be used to inform future actions to reduce such exposure.

Upon completion of the HHERA, Defence will hold a public information session to convey the findings of the report to the community.

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