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Subject: SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE AT QUEANBEYAN ARCHIVES AND MAIL
CENTRE (QAMC).

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HOT ISSUE BRIEF

ISSUE: SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE AT QUEANBEYAN ARCHIVES AND MAIL CENTRE (QAMC).

SENSITIVITY: Medium – Businesses and public transport in local area are affected due to street closure, which may attract media interest.

KEY ISSUES:

- At 0745hrs this morning (Tuesday 21 Sep 10) a suspicious package (leaking liquid - as yet unidentified) was discovered in the mail sorting area at the QAMC which was evacuated and locked down. Wycombe Street was also closed off.
- AFP, NSW Police and ACT and NSW Fire Brigade attended, and the package was sealed pending identification of the suspicious substance.
- At approx 1030hrs the emergency services determined that the substance was not a threat and authorised the re-opening of Wycombe Street and the QAMC workplace.
- QAMC staff returned to the workplace at approx 1040hrs and limited mail services to and from QAMC are expected to resume this afternoon, with full service to resume on the morning of Wednesday 22 Sep 10.

IF ASKED: WHAT WAS THE SUBSTANCE?

- Emergency services identified that the leaking liquid substance was not a threat. The identification of the substance was not determined at that time.
- Further enquiries should be referred to the NSW Police Media Centre.

IF ASKED: DID WORKERS COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE LIQUID?

- One staff member handled the package but did not come into direct contact with the liquid, and suffered no ill effects.

IF ASKED: WAS DEFENCE MAIL AFFECTED?

- Mail sorting was temporarily interrupted, however some deliveries will still be made today.

- All mail services will be returned to normal tomorrow.

IF ASKED: DID THE FIRE BRIGADE ATTEND?

- Yes.

IF ASKED: DID THE AMBULANCE ATTEND?

- No.

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