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SENSITIVITY: Raytheon have today advised that they will be closing their RAAF Base Richmond Program Office to rationalise contracted C-130H avionics support services. Although assessed as unlikely, this closure may attract media attention.

KEY ISSUES:

- The Avionics Business Unit contract with Raytheon Australia for the support of F-111 and C-130H Avionic items currently expires in Feb 11 and has been re-negotiated to extend the C-130H element to align with a 2013 Planned Withdrawal Date.
- Raytheon has today (30 Nov 10) advised that its RAAF Base Richmond facility will be closed due to an internal rationalisation of C-130H avionics support services and withdrawal of the F-111.
- The majority of the C-130H work under the contract is already carried out at Raytheon's facility at RAAF Base Amberley and the extension will ensure the ongoing viability of this work.

- The eight Raytheon staff located in the Richmond facility provide administrative, engineering and logistics support.
- Those affected have been notified of this outcome and offered options to relocate to other Raytheon business units or take up a redundancy package.
- Early indications are that the majority, if not all, of the affected personnel will remain employed with Raytheon.

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