HOT ISSUE BRIEF

ISSUE: CLOSURE OF RAYTHEON OFFICE AT RAAF BASE RICHMOND

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 renegotiated 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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