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HOT ISSUE BRIEF

ISSUE: INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED USE OF ILLICIT SUBSTANCES HMAS KUTTABUL

**SENSITIVITY: High – Allegations of illicit drug use
by ADF personnel remains sensitive.**

KEY ISSUES:

- During 10 Dec10 (local time) ADFIS investigators, acting on information provided, identified 18 sailors as persons of interest for alleged use of illicit substances.
- ADFIS have taken 15 urine samples for analysis and searched three private residences and three service accommodation rooms.
- ADFIS have seized a quantity of syringes and anabolic steroids, along with a small sum of cash, some non-lethal weapons and other drug-related paraphernalia.
- A number of admissions to supply and use of a number of illicit substances were made while not under caution.
- This operation remains on going and is unlikely to be finalised until early next week.
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TALKING POINTS

- **On 10 December ADFIS initiated an investigation into alleged use of illicit substances at a Naval Base in Australia.**
- **A number of sailors are being questioned and their accommodation being searched. Urine samples have been taken for analysis.**
- **Defence takes the use of illicit substances, including steroids, very seriously.**
- **All ADF personnel are educated in relation to the dangers of substance abuse annually.**
- **An investigation into this matter is on-going.**