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PROGRAM OFFICE CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

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## **HOT ISSUE BRIEF**

### **ISSUE: CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF US NAVY SUBMARINE COMBAT SYSTEM PROGRAM OFFICE CHARGED WITH BRIBERY**

**SENSITIVITY:** The extent of the alleged offences and proximity to an Australian Joint Program Office may generate media interest.

#### **KEY ISSUES:**

- On 8 Feb US Federal Prosecutors announced that a civilian employee of the US Navy and a contractor to the US Navy have been charged for involvement in a kickback and bribery scheme.
- The US Navy employee was working in the United States Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) organisation which also manages the AN/BYG-1 Submarine Tactical and Weapon Control Joint Project arrangement between Australia and the US Navy.
- Specific details of the case have not been released by US prosecutors and it is not yet known if the charges relate to any activities involving Australian contributions to the Joint Project.
- The matter is now progressing through the US legal system; we will monitor and advise when further details are available.



## TALKING POINTS

- It has been reported in the US media that a civilian US Navy employee and a contractor to the US Navy have been charged for alleged involvement in a bribery scheme.
- The employee named in reports worked in proximity to the submarine Program Office jointly funded by Australia and the US.
- At present there is no known direct connection between the allegations and the activities of the Joint Program Office.
- The matter is being dealt with in the US legal system and further detail on the case is not yet available

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