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## HOT ISSUE BRIEF

### ISSUE: CHILD OF ADF MEMBER ALLEGEDLY INAPPROPRIATELY TAKEN FROM A SERVICE RESIDENCE AT DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT BERRIMAH

**SENSITIVITY:** Significant potential for media attention.

#### KEY ISSUES:

- Claims made today that a child of a male Army member located at Robertson Barracks Darwin, reported a child inappropriately taken from his service residence at Defence Establishment Berrimah.
- The Northern Territory Police have been advised and are investigating.
- The child has been located and is safe.
- There is an allegation that a woman, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- Initial advice is that a Defence Reserve member [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] may have signed the woman onto the base.

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The details and facts in this matter are not yet clear and the Northern Territory Police investigation continues.

The Army unit of the ADF member (the RSM) has been advised in order to assist the member as and if required.

The Senior Australian Defence Force Officer (Commander Northern Command) has been alerted.

Defence Support will seek the support of the ADF Investigative Service to review the circumstances associated with the actions and process that enabled the woman access to the base supported by a Reserve member and any other matters that may arise from the Northern Territory Police investigation.

## **TALKING POINTS**

- **Defence is aware of a claim that a child was reported missing from a residence on Defence Establishment Berrimah in Darwin.**
- **The Northern Territory Police have been advised and are investigating.**
- **We are advised that the whereabouts of the child are known and the child is safe.**
- **Defence is awaiting confirmed details on the facts of the matter.**


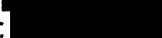
**If asked:**

**Is this related to the recent media article of theft from a house on Defence Establishment Berrimah?**

- **There is no relationship with this matter to the recent theft of personal items from a house on Defence Establishment Berrimah.**

**Is there a problem with security at Defence Establishment Berrimah and what is Defence doing about it?**

- **Security incidents at Defence Establishment Berrimah are not common and these matters are not related. Defence will await the Northern Territory Police report and consider any actions that may be required.**

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