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## **HOT ISSUE BRIEF**

### **ISSUE: RECOVERED USB STICK**

**SENSITIVITY:** A radio announcer has claimed to be in possession of Defence USB stick containing classified Defence material. The issue is likely to raise media interest.

#### **KEY ISSUES:**

- **A 2GB Radio Sydney announcer broadcast today, 10 March 2011, that he was in the possession of a USB computer stick that contained Defence classified information.**
- **The USB stick was allegedly found on a Qantas flight.**
- **The USB stick was collected by Defence staff from the radio station today, 10 March 2011.**
- **The USB stick will be analysed as a matter of priority to ascertain whether the USB stick does in fact hold Defence classified material.**
- **Depending on the results of the analysis, further investigations will be carried out by Defence.**


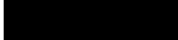
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## TALKING POINTS

- I am aware that a 2GB Radio announcer today claimed to be in the possession of a USB stick containing classified Defence material.
- Defence personnel have collected the USB stick, and the contents of the item are being analysed.
- Should the USB stick contain classified Defence material, the circumstances around the loss of the stick will be investigated.
- Any further comment on my part would be speculation.

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