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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