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HOT ISSUE BRIEF

ISSUE: CANBERRA BOMBER (STATIC DISPLAY) AVIATION TURBINE FUEL INCIDENT AT RAAF WAGGA

SENSITIVITY: There has been media interest at RAAF Wagga relating to an unrelated incident over the weekend involving some RAAF recruits/trainees which was reported on the front page of the local newspaper today. Local media, monitoring the emergency channels, attended the incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- A Canberra bomber is on static display in the public area at the front of RAAF Wagga.
- RAAF personnel had recently refurbished the aircraft, repairing panels and enlarging the drainage holes as part of a Defence coordinated program.
- At 1219h 14 April 2011 the fire station was notified of a smell of aviation turbine fuel apparently coming from liquid leaking from the plane.
- At 1310h (approx) Defence Support Regional OH&S, and Defence Support Base Planning Officer (Emergency Management Coordination), together with the ESS Manager, investigated. RAAF OH&S attended.

- ESS Fire Brigade has roped off the area and made it safe.
- With the rain over the last few days, the rainwater had drained out of the aircraft and pooled under the aircraft.
- It was assessed by the ESS Fire Brigade as being of low risk.
- HAZMAT team from the NSW Fire Brigade were called to assist in the clean up, due to lack of local equipment.
- The pooled water has been cleaned up but rainwater continues to drip from the aircraft. This is being collected in a HAZMAT catcher.
- The acting Base Support Manager has notified the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer (SADFO).
- At 1500h, the SADFO conducted a telephone interview with the media.

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