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Subject: PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY SAILOR THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO
ATTRACT MEDIA OR PARLIAMETARY INTEREST – LARRAKEYAH
BARRACKS 24 AUG 2011

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Action Area CJOPS

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION - NOT TO BE FORWARDED
**SENSITIVITY: Moderately sensitive due to the images
being made available to [REDACTED].**

KEY ISSUES:

- A Navy sailor was dissatisfied at the standard of accommodation he was provided whilst being a member of the Transit Security Element at Larrakeyah Barracks on 24 Aug 11.
- The Sailor took four photographs and provided them to his Father in Law showing the areas in which the accommodation needed attention.
- The father in law showed the four photos to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who is reputed to have advised that he would show the images to the [REDACTED].
- The [REDACTED] is not in possession of the photographs, the Sailor has requested the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] not be provided with the photographs

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BACKGROUND: RELEASE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION TO [REDACTED] – LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS

The Sailor was moved into Kapyong lines transit accommodation at Larrakeyah Barracks on Sunday 21 August 2011.

The Sailor had notified the accommodation staff at Larrakeyah Barracks of his dissatisfaction with his cabin. He was verbally complaining about the standard of accommodation at the Kapyong lines and was requesting appropriate accommodation as per his entitlement.

The Sailor did not accept the official explanation for the availability of accommodation and threatened to approach the local [REDACTED]

The Sailor discussed the standard of the accommodation with his Father in Law and provided him with four photographs he had taken of the accommodation showing areas that required attention.

The Sailor's Father in Law showed the photo's to [REDACTED]. Who is reputed to have advised that he would show the photographs to the [REDACTED]

The Sailor contacted his Father in Law requesting that the [REDACTED] not be provided with copies of the photographs. The [REDACTED] is not in possession of either electronic or hard copies of the photographs

The Transit accommodation provided at Larrakeyah Barracks are classed as level one accommodation, the rooms provided are structurally sound but do require maintenance.

This issue has been raised previously by the Transit Security Element.

Project Single Leap is underway to provide appropriate on base accommodation for permanent single personnel based at Larrakeyah Barracks. Transit personnel will still be required to use transit accommodation at either Larrakeyah Barracks or at Defence Establishment Berrimah

There is no immediate fix to the Transit Accommodation

An administrative investigation (Quick Assessment) is underway. Following completion of the Quick Assessment, administrative and disciplinary actions will be considered under the Defence Force Discipline Act and Administrative Law.

TALKING POINTS (KAPYONG LINES ACCOMMODATION, LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS)

- The Australian Defence Force is a professional organisation that maintains a high level of care for the welfare of its members.
- Transit Security Element personnel are accommodated in transit accommodation at Larrakeyah Barracks for periods of up to three months.
- Every effort is made to ensure that the accommodation provided meets entitlements in accordance with the ADF Pay and Conditions Manual, and basic maintenance standards.
- Due to operational requirements, some members may be accommodated in alternative accommodation for short periods which may not be commensurate to the standard to which they are accustomed.
- A project which will upgrade permanent accommodation at Larrakeyah has recently commenced which has unfortunately restricted the amount of accommodation currently available for transit accommodation.
- A project to improve the amenity in the transit accommodation is in the planning stages, however, due to the structures being heritage

listed and the ongoing requirement to support transit accommodation on Larrakeyah Barracks, it will not fundamentally change the standard of accommodation provided.

- The claims made by the Sailor are being investigated

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