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SENSITIVITY: This allegation was made in an email which was also sent to the Minister of Defence and DLA Piper.

KEY ISSUES:



- A letter and a number of images received by Defence raise a reasonable suspicion that disciplinary offences may have been committed by members of Australia's Federation Guard (AFG) towards a female soldier during an official trip in PNG during the period 19-25 July 2011.
- On 21 Sep 11 a [REDACTED] based in Brisbane sent an email containing a letter and three images to the Inspector General Defence, and cc copies to the Lead Partner involved in the DLA Piper Review, the Minister of Defence and the Deputy Commandant at ADFA.
- [REDACTED] acts for a female civilian who recently separated from a member posted to AFG. The images

were provided by the female civilian, and the letter from [REDACTED] makes a number of allegations regarding the conduct of her estranged spouse towards other members of AFG.

- The images attached to the email depict the estranged spouse and other members from AFG acting in an inappropriate manner with a female soldier also from AFG.
- The images were taken during an official trip to Papua New Guinea during the period 19-25 July 2011.
- ADFA and AFG were not previously aware of these images nor of the alleged behaviour depicted in the images. The female soldier has not complained about this behaviour, although she is receiving professional support in relation to an unrelated incident which occurred during her previous posting in Townsville.



- ADFA have actioned the following:
 - Quick assessment is complete.
 - The matter has been reported to ADFIS. Either an ADFIS or a unit disciplinary investigation will be initiated.
 - Management and professional support for the female soldier has been reinforced.

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