SENSITIVITY: High. The media is currently aware of this incident. The South Australian Police have the primary carriage of this matter.

KEY ISSUES:

• On 14 October 2011, the South Australian Police arrested and charged a person of interest in relation to the 9 October 2011 seizure of unregistered firearms and other weapons.

• Inquiries by the Defence Security Authority have confirmed that the person of interest does not have an Australian Defence Force service history nor has ever been employed in any civilian capacity in Defence or been issued with a security clearance.

• None of the weapons have been identified as types currently used by the Australian Defence Force.

• Approximately 500 rounds of belt-fed 7.62 military ammunition were amongst the items seized but are yet to be identified as being sourced from the Australian Defence Force.
The Defence Security Authority is obtaining detailed information on the material seized to determine whether any items were sourced from the Australian Defence Force.

Defence is assisting the South Australian Police investigation to identify the source of the ammunition found.

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