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Subject: ALLEGED ASSAULT AT ADFA
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SENSITIVITY: While no media reporting is expected, since the Skype incident such matters at ADFA have heightened sensitivity.

KEY ISSUES:

- At 2330 hours 28 October 2011, a female ADFA cadet reported to ADFA duty staff that an unidentified male had reached under her skirt and [REDACTED] her.
- The cadet was attending a live concert on base (an end of academic session party). Approximately 800 cadets and guests were in attendance.
- Given the large number of guests at the concert, it is not clear if the assailant is another cadet or a non-ADF guest.
- The matter was reported to ACT Policing who responded to ADFA. The cadet accompanied police for further interviews, and returned to ADFA at approximately 0445 hours 29 October 2011.
- Senior ACT Police contacted VCDF this morning to advise him of the incident, and indicated that the cadet has not made a complaint. ADFA staff have not yet confirmed this with the cadet, but ACT Police have advised ADFA that they will be progressing this matter tomorrow when the allocated investigator returns to duty.
- The cadet is not distressed, has been provided initial support by ADFA staff, and has been offered additional support.

- The cadet is currently sleeping and ADFA staff do not intend to talk to her again until she is rested. At that time a more precise assessment of the seriousness of this assault and provision of support arrangements will be made.

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