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Subject: APPARENT SUICIDE AT DSTO EDINBURGH'S SOUTH GATE  
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**SENSITIVITY:** While the issue does not involve DSTO staff or ADF members the issue has sensitivities in that the DSTO name might be linked in media reports because of the proximity to the Edinburgh area.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- At around midday on Thursday, 10 November 2011, a vehicle with a deceased elderly man inside was discovered only metres from the DSTO Edinburgh South Gate, off Purling Ave.
- It is understood that the man took his own life with a gunshot to the head.
- DSTO Edinburgh Security and Public Affairs staff have spoken to Police at the scene. Police requested that forensics teams be allowed access to the scene via the south gate. Permission has been granted by security.
- Police are on the scene continuing with their investigations.
- Media gathered near the DSTO site on Purling Ave but have been kept back from the exact site with police tape.
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