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SENSITIVITY: High. The media is aware of the death of the child, but unaware of the murder investigation.

KEY ISSUES:

- Defence has been advised that Queensland Police have commenced a murder investigation involving two married ADF service personnel in Townsville. The husband is an Army member and the wife, an Air Force member.
- The investigation relates to the death of the couple's child earlier in 2011.
- As a consequence of the murder investigation, Queensland Police has arrested the Army member on the suspicion of murder, with charges expected to be laid later today.
- Defence is cooperating with Queensland Police and supporting the ADF couple.

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TALKING POINTS: MURDER INVESTIGATION INVOLVING A TOWNSVILLE-BASED ADF MARRIED COUPLE

- Defence can confirm that a Townsville-based ADF married couple have been assisting Queensland Police in a murder investigation.
- The Australian Defence Force is assisting Queensland Police in this matter.
- The Army member has been arrested on the suspicion of murder, with charges expected to be laid later today.
- There is no other information available at this time.

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