HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 30/2011

ISSUE: Army Member Arrested for Indecent Dealings with Minors

SENSITIVITY: High. The media is not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

- On 23 November 2011, a [REDACTED] soldier was arrested by the Queensland Police following an allegation of indecent dealings with four minors in NSW over the period 2007 - 2010.
- Member attended the [REDACTED] Magistrates Court today for an extradition hearing to NSW.
- Member is being held in custody in [REDACTED] and will be extradited to Sydney tomorrow to attend [REDACTED] Magistrates Court.
- Defence is unaware of the detailed circumstances surrounding the allegation.
- Member is being provided Legal support through the ADF.
- Defence is cooperating with the Queensland and New South Wales Police Service and supporting the ADF member and the member's family.
TALKING POINTS: Arrest for Indecent Dealings with Minors

• Defence can confirm that a Soldier has been arrested by the Queensland Police for indecent dealings with minors in NSW.

• The Soldier appeared in the Magistrates Court today for an extradition hearing to NSW.

• The Soldier is being held in custody in and will be extradited to Sydney tomorrow to attend Court.

• The Australian Defence Force Investigative Service is supporting the Queensland and New South Wales Police Service in this matter.

• As the matter is before the Court, it is inappropriate to make any further comments.
Regards

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