HOT ISSUE BRIEF

ISSUE: Complaint of Inappropriate Behaviour by Navy Sailor in relation to his [redacted]

SENSITIVITY: High - due to alleged imminent media interest.

KEY ISSUES:

• Navy Command was advised on 23 October 2011 of complaints that an Albatross sailor and his Navy colleagues engaged in threats, harassment, verbal abuse and intimidation in relation to the [redacted].
• [redacted] informed Albatross staff on 23 November 2011 that she was in contact with a television news producer regarding her “experiences with Albatross”.
• [redacted] stated that the news producer was going to call her back on 23 November 2011, at which time [redacted] was going to decide whether she would speak to the media.
• [redacted] has recently made a formal statement to the Naval Police Coxswains in relation to her complaints. Her complaints are currently under investigation.
• Both the sailor and the (also an ADF member) are due to post out of Albatross at the end of 2011. They are moving to different states.

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TALKING POINTS

• I can confirm that of a sailor working at HMAS Albatross has made some allegations against him.

• These claims are being thoroughly investigated by Navy police.

• Navy expects the highest standards of behaviour from its members to reflect the pride which the community has of the RAN.

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