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## **HOT ISSUE BRIEF CA 32/2011**

### **ISSUE: Army Member Jailed for Indecent Dealing with Two Minors**

**SENSITIVITY:** The media is aware of this incident.

#### **KEY ISSUES:**

- On 29 November 2011, Defence was advised that a Brisbane-based soldier was jailed for the indecent dealings with two minors.
- Media reports that the soldier pleaded guilty to five counts of indecent treatment of a 13-year old girl and one involving a 15-year old girl.
- Media reports that the member's 18 month sentence was to be suspended after the member served four-months in actual custody.
- The member had not advised his unit that he was facing charges, so Defence was unaware of the court appearance until alerted through the media.
- Media reports suggest that the member was suffering PTSD as a result of recent operational service.
- Defence is confirming details of the incident.

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## **TALKING POINTS: Jailed for Indecent Dealing with Two Minors**

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- Media reports that the soldier pleaded guilty to five counts of indecent treatment of a 13-year old girl and one involving a 15-year old girl.
- Media reports that the soldier's 18 month sentence was to be suspended after the member served four-months in actual custody.
- Defence is investigating the situation in a bid to confirm the media reports.

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