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J. JONES - UPDATE

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF

ISSUE: Outcome of General Court Martial – Lieutenant Commander J. Jones - Update

SENSITIVITY: High. Media closely following the case. Navy reputational Issues

KEY ISSUES:

- On 10 November 2010, a female crew member alleged that Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Jones had committed acts of indecency against her over a period of eight months onboard HMAS *Sirius*. Ministerial Submission FCMIN 046-10 dated 16 December 2010 advised.
- A General Court Martial commenced on 29 November 2011 which included nine counts of 'an act of indecency without consent', with a number of alternate charges.
- The Court Martial handed down their verdict on 13 December 2011. LCDR Jones has been found guilty of seven counts of an 'act of indecency without consent' and one count of 'attempted destruction of service property'.
- On 14 December 2011 the officer was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with a 12 month non-parole period, reversion to the rank of Lieutenant, dismissal from the ADF and a \$2000 fine. The conviction and punishment will be subject to automatic legal review.

- The accused and complainant continue to receive divisional, psychological, legal and medical support throughout this period.

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TALKING POINTS

- A Naval Officer has been convicted by a General Court Martial on seven counts of an act of indecency without consent and one count of attempting destruction of service property.
- The officer has now been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with a 12 month non-parole period, dismissal from the ADF, and a \$2000 fine.
- The conviction and punishment will be subject to automatic legal review.

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