APS EMPLOYEE OF [REDACTED] ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CIVILIAN OFFENCES

SENSITIVITY: This incident is considered sensitive as it involves a Defence Civilian who has been charged with serious civilian offences and it may attract media attention.

KEY ISSUES:

- An Australian Public Servant was arrested and faced District Court on the afternoon of 14 December 2011 on alleged sexual offences relating to a child/children under 16 years of age. Defence has not been formally advised of the exact offences. He appeared in an 'open court' with a court appointed solicitor and was remanded into police custody, pending a formal hearing today.

- [REDACTED] and was admitted to the emergency ward at Hospital, where Defence staff visited him each day, at that stage they were unaware of the pending police investigation/charges.

- The DSG Case Management Team, are already aware of
his medical condition as a fitness for duty assessment was in progress. They have advised they have ceased further action for medical assessment until the criminal issue is resolved. The Directorate of Conduct Performance and Probation, Canberra have also been advised of the incident today.

There has been no media reporting to date.

**TALKING POINTS**

- I can confirm that an APS employee has been arrested and charged.

- As this matter is yet to be dealt with by the courts it is inappropriate to make any further comment.