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NATURE OF THE INCIDENT OR ISSUE:

- An Australian sailor was hospitalised [REDACTED] for suspected excessive alcohol consumption.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT OR ISSUE:

- The incident occurred on the evening of 14 February 2012 in [REDACTED]. The Armidale Class Patrol Boat in which the sailor was serving was conducting a logistics visit and was force assigned to Operation RESOLUTE.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Member was released from hospital and resumed duties on 15 February 2012 with no ill effects.
- Command has instigated a DFDA investigation.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

An Armidale Class Patrol Boat force assigned to Operation RESOLUTE was conducting a logistics visit to [REDACTED]. While on shore leave and accommodated in a civilian hotel, a

member of the Ship's Company became distressed following what was believed to be alcohol ingestion. Under the care of the onboard health provider, the member was transferred to the local hospital and was treated for excessive alcohol consumption. There was no evidence of drink spiking. The Assistant Defence Advisor attended the sailor AM 15 February before being released from hospital. The member was breathalysed on return to the ship, where no reading was registered. The member subsequently resumed normal duties.

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