22-25 JUNE FORCES ENTERTAINMENT TOUR TO SOLOMON ISLANDS CANCELLED

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:
• Due to a Defence procedural error, entertainers attached to the current Forces Entertainment tour to the Solomon Islands are unable to travel.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:
• The incident occurred this morning 22 June 2012.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:
• Preparations are underway to return the entertainers to their home location. Defence has apologised and expressed sincere regret to the entertainers for this inconvenience. The entertainers were disappointed but have displayed a positive attitude regarding the situation.
• All entertainers have been offered a place on the third Solomon Islands tour in September 2012, subject to their availability.
• The Solomon Islands detachment has been notified.
• A review is underway to determine the cause of the delay so that procedures can be modified to prevent a future occurrence.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
• The entertainers gathered in Brisbane yesterday evening 21 June.
• The Deployment Orders were released last night but by then there were no seats available on the commercial flight to Honiara.