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NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- Media reported on a matter before the Adelaide Magistrates Court today regarding an Air Force member on a charge of Abuse of Public Office.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- In March 2011, Air Force commenced investigations into an allegation that an Air Force member had made unauthorised changes to deployment dates in order to obtain a tax-free Military Superannuation Benefit Scheme Retention Benefit.
- Defence referred the matter to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions who summonsed the member to appear in civil court on 2 November 2012 on a charge of Abuse of Public Office, contrary to Sect 142.2(1) of the Commonwealth Criminal Code 1995.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The member was not present at court and no plea was entered.
- The matter will return to court on 30 November 2012.
- Air Force is providing welfare support to the member.

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