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NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- On 7 November 2012, RAAF AP-3C 'Orion' aircraft were suspended from flying operations due to potential airworthiness concerns.
- The issue was been identified as a characteristic of the AP-3C/P-3 aircraft which occurs when the rudder pedals are adjusted to the fully-extended position and maximum rudder deflection applied.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- A Flying Order has been released that limits the aircrew adjusting the rudder controls to the full aft position (ie. no less than one full turn). This has been tested to prevent the rudder locking.
- Flying Orders are a standard means for highlighting to aviators special actions and limitations required to safely operate aircraft.
- The short suspension has not affected Defence operations.

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