HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FOUND IN HMAS CERBERUS ACCOMMODATION

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:
- During a routine inspection of on-base accommodation in HMAS Cerberus, a number of hazardous materials were located in an accommodation block.
- As a precaution, a 400m safety zone has been established around the accommodation block.
- A Defence member is assisting Victorian Police with their inquiries.
- At the time of the discovery of the material, a tour of the establishment was being undertaken by a school group. This group has departed the establishment.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:
- AM Thursday 16 October 2014.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:
- Victorian Police were informed of the incident and are on the scene.
- Appropriate hazardous material (HAZMAT) precautions have been implemented by the base.
- As a precautionary measure, access to and from the establishment has been restricted to essential personnel.
- The Defence member in question is being provided with appropriate support services.

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