

From: [Elliott, Gene SQNLDR](#)
To: [RAAF MLO](#)
Cc: [Sayson, Jericho SQNLDR](#)
Subject: FW: SQ21-000906 : SSCFADT - Supplementary Budget Estimates - 27 October 2021 - Q29 - UAPs - Senator Whish-Wilson PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 3 November 2021 8:46:01 AM
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Sir,

As discussed, some recommended words for the email to Army and Navy.

- Does Navy/Army have protocols for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?
- Historically as the Navy/Army had any protocol for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?
- If no protocol exists does Navy/Army intend to establish Service specific protocols for reporting on UFO/UAPs? (I'm on the fence if we need to ask this one?)

We should probably ask the following to DASA too:

- Does DASA have any protocol for the reporting of UFO/UAPs outside of existing Aviation Safety reporting mechanisms?

In the transcript it references CAF is the Air Space Control Authority – The Joint Airspace Control Cell (under DGAIR) executes that on CAFs behalf, so it might be worth us requesting their input – can I go direct to them or do MLO need to approach them for a response?

Happy to discuss further if required.

Also any chance I can get a copy of a complete QoN so I can see how the responses are worded/formatted etc. I've not seen one in PDMS before (I guess that's a good sign)

Geno

Gene Elliott
Flight Lieutenant
Staff Officer to Director General Air Defence & Space (DGADS-AF)
Staff Officer to Director General Space Domain Review (DGSDR)
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From: noreply@pws.gov.au <noreply@pws.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 November 2021 4:30 PM
To: Elliott, Gene FLTLT <gene.elliott@defence.gov.au>
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PDR Record Assigned - [SQ21-000906](#)
from Jericho Sayson
to Gene Elliott

Status:

Draft

Subject:

SSCFADT - Supplementary Budget Estimates - 27 October
2021 - Q29 - UAPs - Senator Whish-Wilson

Instruction:	Geno, as discussed can you please develop input to respond to the attached QoN. Request you return to RAAF MLO NLT 10 Nov 21 with 1* clearance. HAC clearance required NLT 12 Nov 21. CAF clearance required NLT 15 Nov 21. A/SOHAC & SOCAF - FYSA. Regards, RAAF MLO
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Milestones:

Due for **Clearance:** 17/11/2021 12:00 PM
Due to **Parliamentary:** 17/11/2021 5:00 PM
Due to **Minister's Office:** 26/11/2021 5:00 PM

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From: [Dodds, Jade MS](#) on behalf of [Navy MLO](#)
To: [RAAF MLO](#); [AHQ-PBA](#); [Navy MLO](#)
Cc: [Elliott, Gene SQNLDR](#)
Subject: RE: RAAF QoN - UFO/UAPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 4 November 2021 11:12:37 AM
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Hi Jericho,

Navy responses to the two dot points as follows:

- **Does Navy have any current protocols for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?** Navy does not have any specific process or protocol for reporting UFO/UAP other than to report unusual air traffic to the appropriate airspace control authorities.
- **Historically has Navy had any protocol for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?** Historically, Navy has not had any specific protocol for reporting UFO/UAP other than to report unusual air traffic to the appropriate airspace control authorities.

This was cleared by the Deputy Fleet Commander, CDRE Jonathan Earley.

Kind regards
Jade

Jade Dodds
Manager
Navy Ministerials & Coord
Navy Headquarters

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From: Sayson, Jericho SQNLDR <jericho.sayson@defence.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** RAAF MLO
Sent: Wednesday, 3 November 2021 11:36 AM
To: AHQ-PBA <ahq.pba@defence.gov.au>; Navy MLO <navy.mlo@defence.gov.au>
Cc: RAAF MLO <raaf.mlo@defence.gov.au>; Elliott, Gene FLTLT <gene.elliott@defence.gov.au>
Subject: RAAF QoN - UFO/UAPs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning Jan/Jade,

Thankyou for taking my phone calls this morning regarding 'SSCFADT - Supplementary Budget Estimates - 27 October 2021 - Q29 - UAPs - Senator Whish-Wilson'.

Could you please provide advice on the following;

- Does Navy/Army have any current protocols for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?
- Historically has Navy/Army had any protocol for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?

Appreciate if you could return your cleared responses to RAAF MLO via email NLT COB Tue 09 Nov 21.

Kind Regards,

Squadron Leader Jericho Sayson

Ministerial Liaison Officer

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From: [Ewers, Jan MRS](#) on behalf of [AHQ-PBA](#)
To: [RAAF MLO](#)
Cc: [AHQ-PBA](#)
Subject: FW: For action - Question on Notice - UFO/UAPs - RAAF [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 5 November 2021 3:25:15 PM
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Good afternoon Jericho

Army's response to the QoN, cleared by Director General COL Tim Connolly.

- Army does not have dedicated instructions for specifically reporting Unidentified Aerial Phenomena.

Trust this helps

Many thanks

Jan

Jan Ewers

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Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 5:25 PM
To: AHQ-PBA <ahq.pba@defence.gov.au>
Cc: HQAVNCOMD COS <hqavncomdcos@dpe.protected.mil.au>; King, Thomas MAJ 1 <thomas.king1@defence.gov.au>
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Hi Jan,

A DG cleared response for collation/use:

Army does not have dedicated instructions for specifically reporting Unidentified Aerial Phenomena.

Boyd Schrader

Major | Staff Officer to DCOMD HQ AVNCOMD

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Sent: Wednesday, 3 November 2021 4:38 PM

To: King, Thomas MAJ 1 <thomas.king1@defence.gov.au>

Cc: Schrader, Boyd MAJ <boyd.schrader@defence.gov.au>; AHQ-PBA <ahq.pba@defence.gov.au>

Subject: For action - Question on Notice - UFO/UAPs - RAAF [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon Tom

PBA has received the attached Question on Notice asked by Senator Whish-Wilson' that RAAF are leading regarding UFO /UAPs. CAF answered the question on the day but took on notice to double check whether Army/Navy have any protocols in place for reporting.

Grateful if you could provide advice on the following;

- o Does Army have any current protocols for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?
- o Historically has Army had any protocol for the reporting of UFO/UAPs?

Please provide 1* minimum cleared input/Nil response to PBA by 2pm, Monday 8 November 2021.

As always, happy to discuss if required.

Many thanks

Jan

Jan Ewers

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From: Elliott, Gene SQNLDR
To: Ahearn, Christopher SQNLDR; RAAF MLO
Subject: SQ21-001018 - Request for DASA response. [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 12:29:18 PM
Importance: High

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Hey Mate,

Can you confirm nil returns from DASA to Q's 1 and 2 in the below? We just want to make sure we tick the Airspace Safety angle off, particularly for #2. Draft responses are at the bottom

If you need some top cover to get a 1* response I can get MLO to push to DASA formally.

Senator Peter Whish-Wilson asked the Department of Defence the following question, upon notice, on 05 November 2021:

1. Has the Department of Defence had the opportunity to formally review the report completed by the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence titled 'Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena' published in June 2021?
2. What guidance, if any, has the Department sought on the publication of the US report and the implications for Australian aerospace?
3. Is the 'Unusual Aerial Sightings Policy' still in effect, and if so when was it last reviewed? If it is not in effect or has been superseded,
4. In 2011, the Department of Defence reported that, in response to a FOI request from the Sydney Morning Herald, it had 'discovered one file, which had not been destroyed but could not be located'. If it could not be located, how would the Department know that the file had not been destroyed? Were all the files referenced hardcopy only (i.e. not digital)?
5. A response from the Department dated 8 June 2011 states that members of the public making reports of "unusual aerial sightings" are directed to their local police authority. What is the protocol for members of the defence forces when reporting such sightings during military operations and/or normal duty?

Senator Peter Whish-Wilson – The Department of Defence provides the following answer to the Senator's question:

1. The Department of Defence has not formally reviewed the report

The Department of Defence has not sort guidance on the publication

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