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To: [Geniola, Alexandra SQNLDR](#); [Sayson, Jericho SQNLDR](#)
Subject: FW: s22 + SB21-001257 1-star clearance on Monday ~~[SEC - OFFICIAL]~~
Date: Monday, 28 February 2022 10:12:46 PM
Attachments: [SB21-000769 Space Domain and Policy \(CAF\).obr](#)

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Good Evening **Alex** and **Jericho**,

Below is a SITREP of where DSnC is at re: estimate briefs likely to be resolved early AM Tue:
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- SB21-001257 Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (CAF) s47C
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Regards,

Colourful Colonel

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Good Morning David,

First thing Tue, can you please s47C and cast fresh eyes on the table at page 10 attached?

Regards,
Mick

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Good afternoon Sir,

I'll cut them all into a table, ^{s47C} [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Regards,
Mick

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On 28 Feb 2022, at 4:36 pm, Hogan, Nicholas AIRCDRE
<nicholas.hogan@defence.gov.au> wrote:

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Good afternoon Mick,

Dave P has the email that outlines the ^{s47C} [REDACTED]

Add these in and Dave can give you the \$\$ amounts.

The other two are cleared.

Regards,
Kouros

Nick Hogan
Air Commodore
Director General Space Strategic Plans (Sp5)
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Good afternoon Sir,

Attached for your reconsideration, noting they were drafted using language to reflect announcements at the ASPConf22, s47C

I've replied per comment in each doc where I've **adjusted** or have **not adjusted** as summarised below:

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- **SB21-001257 Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (CAF).** Added 60 Minutes, noting MLO will add as per their instructions.

After the next meeting I am away for the remainder of the afternoon and will update in PDMS pending your guidance this evening,
Mick

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Good morning Sir,

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The RAAF Senate Estimates timeline, is as below.

[Schedule to Budget Estimates](#)

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Sir, I am happy to continue to work with your line areas to update the briefs as required

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Kind Regards,

Squadron Leader Jericho Sayson
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Good afternoon Mick,

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Regards,
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Good afternoon Alex,

BLUF. IAW below MLO task, can you please provide AIRCDRE Hogan with hard-copies of the attached three briefs contextualised below for clearance COB Mon 28 Feb 22 (time set aside @ midday):

- **Three briefs in objective*:**

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- **SB21-001257 Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (CAF)**, no change apart from POC from me to AIRCDRE Hogan (Assigned to you).
- Please print with 'no mark-up' as mods are also highlighted in yellow and 'don't accept all changes and stop tracking.' MLO want the changes tracked.

- **Consultation:**

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- **Caveats.** Info that may change in coming weeks that may require updates inc:

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after that I may have to lean on CMDR Fowler if deep mods are required.

Regards,
Mick

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Cc: Geniola, Alexandra SQNLDR <alexandra.geniola@defence.gov.au>; Hamilton, Kevin MAJ 2 <kevin.hamilton2@defence.gov.au>; Martin, Ian WGCDR <ian.martin@defence.gov.au>; 'Nussio, Marty' <Marty.Nussio@space.gov.au>; Newberry, Murray WGCDR <murray.newberry@defence.gov.au>; Porter, Cameron LTCOL <cameron.porter@defence.gov.au>; Garrett, Andrew LTCOL <andrew.garrett@defence.gov.au>; Blacklock, Sarah FLTLT <sarah.blacklock@defence.gov.au>; Smith, Rod <Rod.Smith@dst.defence.gov.au>; Zehetner, Albert MR 2 <albert.zehetner2@defence.gov.au>; Shears, Philip MR <philip.shears@defence.gov.au>

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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

Once again, thanks for your support on the space front leading up to Senate Estimates last week. In short, no questions on the space domain or UFOs.

We have commenced preparation for the next Senate Estimates based on the below timeframes and **need your feedback please:**

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- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

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Please note there is more detail below from RAAF MLO, but it mainly applies to the Air capabilities – if
s47C [Redacted]

Regards,
Mick

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Subject: RAAF MLO Budget Senate Estimates - March/April 2022 ~~[SEC-OFFICIAL]~~
Date: Friday, 18 February 2022 8:43:06 AM
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[2022 Parliamentary Sittings Calendar.pdf](#)
[RAAF Senate Estimates Tracker - 18 Feb 22.xlsx](#)

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Sir, all

As you may be aware, the Department of Defence are scheduled to appear before the next Senate Estimates 'Budget Estimates' during the period of the Thu 31 Mar to Fri 08 Apr 22.

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s22 But hoping to get the ball rolling on a few things next Estimates before I head out.

As per my email yesterday and following discussions with OCAF; it is the intent to update all Senate Estimate Briefs as required in preparation for the next Scheduled Estimates in the period of Thu 31 Mar to Fri 08 Apr 22.

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we still want to ensure the briefs remain as up to date as possible. It is my belief that despite this compressed timeline, there will be minor changes required for the briefs – if any.

As such – I will shortly be sending out all Estimate Briefs on PDMS to Staff Officers for update as required.

Key Information

- RAAF MLO will send through the Senate Estimate Briefs on PDMS to the relevant RAAF Staff Officers to begin the review process. All Senate Estimate Briefs from the recent Senate Estimates remain extant and are to be updated as required. There will be no additional briefs, at this time. If there is nil update, please contact RAAF MLO.
- The proposed timeline, is as below. **If you believe you will be unable to meet the timeline, please contact RAAF MLO as soon as possible.**

Schedule to Budget Estimates

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- RAAF MLO will be providing the briefs to OHASD/ORASSD and CAF s47C

- CAF Pre-Briefings will occur between Mo s47C

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For Action/To Note (When reviewing and updating briefs)

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When reviewing and updating the brief please note:

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Kind Regards,

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	Title	Project Number	PDMS Details		Stakeholders					
			Current PDR (CAF Brief)	Current PDR (SEC/CDF Brief)	Staff Officer	Desk Officer (2022)	Contact Officer (RAAF) 1*	Contact Officer (CASG/Other) 1*	HASD/RASSD	
s22	AIRCRAFT									
s22	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL									
s22	SPACE									
	20	Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena "NEW"		SB21-001257		FLGOFF Gabby Clarke	SQNLDR Gene Elliott	AIRCDRE Nicholas Hogan		
	AIR DEFENCE									
s22	AIR COMBAT and WEAPONS									
s22	WORKFORCE									
s22	EVENTS									
s22	Hot Topics									
	FOR CONSULT									

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Cc: [Head of Air Force Capability Office](#); [CASG Head Aerospace Systems Division Office](#); [CASG FAS RASSD Office](#); [RAAF MLO](#); [RAAF PA](#); [Sayson, Jericho SQNLDR](#)
Subject: RAAF Senate Estimates - February 2022 ~~[SEC-OFFICIAL]~~
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Good afternoon Sirs, Ma'ams et. al,

As you may be aware, the Department of Defence are scheduled to appear before Senate Estimates during the period of the 14 to 18 February 2022.

This email details key information regarding RAAF's contribution to Senate Estimates and actions for the relevant line areas. In addition, attached to this email are key documents.

For Information

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For Action/To Note (When reviewing and updating briefs)

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I will be looking after the Senate Estimate preparation for Air Force, please do not hesitate to contact me or RAAF MLO if you require any further information or have any further questions during the period.

Kind Regards,

Squadron Leader Jericho Sayson
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19	Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena "NEW"		S821-001257		FLTLT Gene Elliott	FLTLT Gene Elliott	FLTLT Gene Elliott	AIRCORE Nicholas Hogan		
AIR DEFENCE										
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Subject: RE: CAF Senate Estimates Pre-Briefing Session - 28 January 2022 ~~[SES - OFFICIAL]~~
Date: Monday, 7 February 2022 2:51:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Air Force Senate Estimate Briefs Tracker.xlsx](#)

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Good afternoon Sirs, Ma'ams, all,

Estimates is now one week away; and at this time it has been hinted, but not yet confirmed that Defence will be appearing at Estimates on Wednesday, 16 February 2022. Can you please contact RAAF MLO if relevant DGs/O6s/other SMEs will be unavailable on this day, as we will need to discuss other potential support options.

RAAF MLO will provide direction at the end of the week on support needed by Air Force Stakeholders for Estimates.

Timeline ahead of Senate Estimates

Senate Estimates CAF Pre-Brief (For CAF, 2*s and invited DGs/O6s)

s47C	[REDACTED]	s22	[REDACTED]
s22	[REDACTED]		
s47C	[REDACTED]	(s22	[REDACTED]
s47C	[REDACTED]	s22	[REDACTED]

Senate Estimates – Department Pre-Brief (For Group Heads and Service Chiefs with SEC/CDF)

s47C [REDACTED]

Senate Estimates – Department of Defence Appearance (Yet to be Confirmed)

s47C [REDACTED]

Pre-Briefing Sessions

A number of pre-briefing sessions are planned for the next week. It is important that CAF, relevant 2*s are joined by relevant DGs/O6s for these briefs in order to ensure questions are well-crafted and briefs updated quickly in preparation for Senate Estimates. Briefs will likely need updating following these sessions. RAAF MLO will contact individual staff officers (cc'ing OHASD/ORASSD) if updates are required.

The majority of topics will be covered at the remaining briefing sessions, with certain topics to be highlighted and focussed upon as indicated above.

Pre-Briefing Session Questions (Action Required for Staff Officers)

Can I please request Staff Officers to provide at least five questions to each topic they are responsible for NLT 1200h Wed 09 Feb 22 to RAAF MLO. I note that you have already provided a number of question on some topics, though as we head into the final pre-briefing sessions, we will be looking to ask CAF and relevant 2*s a variety of question on all topics.

Updating Briefs (Action Required for Staff Officers)

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Briefs have been reviewed this morning between DCAF, HAC, HASD and RAAF MLO with a number of briefs requiring update as below. **Can I please request SOs update the briefs as below and return to RAAF MLO, 1* cleared NLT COB Tue 08 Feb 22.**

RAAF MLO will send the briefs to SOs shortly s47C

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind Regards,

Squadron Leader Jericho Sayson

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Cc: Lewis, Angeline WGCDR <angeline.lewis@defence.gov.au>; Jozelich, Aaron WGCDR <aaron.jozelich@defence.gov.au>; Bugala, Monica WGCDR <monica.bugala@defence.gov.au>; Jorgensen, David GPCAPT <david.jorgensen@defence.gov.au>; Office of Defence Space Commander <officeofdefence.spacecommander@defence.gov.au>; CASG Head Aerospace Systems Division Office <officeof.hasd.had@defence.gov.au>; CASG FAS RASDD Office <officeof.fashsd@defence.gov.au>; RAAF MLO <raaf.mlo@defence.gov.au>
Subject: CAF Senate Estimates Pre-Briefing Session - 28 January 2022 [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon Sirs, Ma'ams, all,

Please see below and attached some handy information ahead of tomorrow's first CAF Senate Estimates Pre-Briefing session.

Thankyou for sharing questions for the CAF Pre-Briefing Sessions. Please find a copy of the compiled questions attached, as well as the latest version of the Senate Estimate Briefs [REDACTED] s47C
[REDACTED] s47C I will forward the Space brief later this afternoon.

Background of the Session

s47C [REDACTED]

Pre-Briefing Timeline

s47C [REDACTED] (s22 [REDACTED] UFOs, s22 [REDACTED])

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s22 [REDACTED]

s47C [REDACTED] s22 [REDACTED]

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind Regards,

Squadron Leader Jericho Sayson
Ministerial Liaison Officer

Ministerial Liaison Office – Air Force
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AIR DEFENCE						
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AIR COMBAT and WEAPONS						
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WORKFORCE						
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From: [Geniola, Alexandra SQNLDR](#)
To: [RAAF MLO](#)
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Hi Jus,

Thank you for doing that so promptly! I look forward to your call to help me out.

Thanks again,
Alex

SQNLDR Alexandra Geniola

Staff Officer to Air Commodore Nick Hogan; Director General Space Strategic Plans (Sp5)
Defence Space Command

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Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 12:08 PM
To: Elliott, Gene SQNLDR <gene.elliott@defence.gov.au>; Geniola, Alexandra SQNLDR <alexandra.geniola@defence.gov.au>
Cc: RAAF MLO <raaf.mlo@defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: SB21-001257 : Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena PDMS Notification - Record Assigned ~~[SEC OFFICIAL]~~

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Hey Gene - Thanks for this!

Hey Alexandra,

I've just assigned the PDR to yourself in PDMS – I will give you a bell to walk you through it.

Sincere thanks,
Jus

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Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 11:19 AM

To: RAAF MLO <raaf.mlo@defence.gov.au>

Cc: Geniola, Alexandra SQLDR <alexandra.geniola@defence.gov.au>

Subject: FW: SB21-001257 : Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena PDMS Notification - Record Assigned ~~[SEC - OFFICIAL]~~

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Morning MLO,

Gabby is out for a while and Alexandra (cc'd) is filling in.

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For SB21-001257 (UAPs), this one needs no further review

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Command - Space Capability Branch
Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 10:57 AM
To: Elliott, Gene SQLNDR <gene.elliott@defence.gov.au>
Subject: FW: SB21-001257 : Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [~~SEC OFFICIAL~~]

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Gene,

As discussed.

Kind regards,
Alexandra

SQLNDR Alexandra Geniola
Staff Officer to Air Commodore Nick Hogan; Director General Space Strategic Plans (Sp5)
Defence Space Command

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Sent: Friday, 18 February 2022 9:33 AM
To: Clarke, Gabrielle FLGOFF <gabrielle.clarke@defence.gov.au>
Subject: SB21-001257 : Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [~~SEC OFFICIAL~~]


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PDR Record Assigned - [SB21-001257](#)
from Jericho Sayson
to Gabrielle Clarke

Status:
OVERDUE Revision
Subject: Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena

	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Please find attached a Senate Estimate Brief for Update.</p> <p>Request return to RAAF MLO with 1* clearance NLT COB Mon 28 Feb 22.</p> <p>RAAF MLO will then send to OHASD/ORASSD for CASG Line Area</p>
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Instruction:	<p>Review and HASD/RASSD Clearance.</p> <p>If any updates are required following Mon 28 Feb 22, please contact RAAF MLO to coordinate.</p> <p>When reviewing and updating the brief please note:</p> <p>s47C</p>  <p>For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact RAAF MLO.</p> <p>Thanks RAAF MLO</p>
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Thank You

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To: [Sayson, Jericho SQNLDR](#)
Cc: [Hutchinson, Lizzie MISS 1](#); [King, Justice MISS](#); [RAAF MLO](#)
Subject: RE: Senate Estimate Questions - Hot Topics ~~[SEE OFFICIAL]~~
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Regards

Ms Stacey Smith

Ministerial Liaison Officer
RAAF MLO | RCDVS Support Team | Air Force
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Air Force Headquarters

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Sent: Thursday, 24 March 2022 12:05 PM

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Cc: Hutchinson, Lizzie MISS 1 <Lizzie.Hutchinson1@defence.gov.au>; King, Justice MISS <justice.king@defence.gov.au>; RAAF MLO <raaf.mlo@defence.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Senate Estimate Questions - Hot Topics [~~SEC - OFFICIAL~~]

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Jerry and co

So far I can only think of the below..

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UFO/UAP

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Regards

Ms Stacey Smith

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Sent: Wednesday, 23 March 2022 9:58 AM
To: Smith, Stacey MS 4 <stacey.smith4@defence.gov.au>; Hutchinson, Lizzie MISS 1 <lizzie.hutchinson1@defence.gov.au>; King, Justice MISS <justice.king@defence.gov.au>
Cc: RAAF MLO <raaf.mlo@defence.gov.au>
Subject: Senate Estimate Questions - Hot Topics ~~[SEC - OFFICIAL]~~

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Hey team,

As discussed, appreciate if you consider providing 3 questions (more if you have them) on each topic below to assist with pre-briefing with DCAF. Can you please send questions to me by 12PM tomorrow (24 Mar 22).

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Appreciate if you can please provide questions to the below topics. I have attached the technical questions from the RAAF line areas above as an example.

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5. UFO/UAP

Any questions let me know.

Kind Regards,

Squadron Leader Jericho Sayson
Ministerial Liaison Officer
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Date: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 10:36:13 AM

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from Justice King
to Gabrielle Clarke

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Status:

OVERDUE Revision

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena

Instruction:	Gabby, assigned for redrafting. please get back to is NLT COB today, Tues 8 Feb. LMK if there are issues. Cheers, Jus
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Thank You

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to Kevin Hamilton

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Subject:

Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying
Phenomena

Instruction:	Kev, for CDSpC clearance. Appreciate if possible if she can clear NLT COB Tue 25 Jan 22. Jericho
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from Kevin Hamilton
to Air Force

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from Gabrielle Clarke
to Air Force

Status:

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Subject: Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying
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Instruction:	Hi MLO, please find 1* cleared SEB. Cheers!
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To: [Arnold, Stuart SQNLDR](#); [Hollings, Kerry WGCDB](#)
Cc: [RAAF MLO](#); [Amiet, Daniel FSGT](#)
Subject: Senate Estimates Topic List - Feb 22 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 24 January 2022 12:24:47 PM
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Ma'am, Stu,

Following the CAF Pre-Brief session for Senate Estimates, please find a soft copy of the current Estimates Topic List for CAF/DCAF. In addition, it contains key notes regarding Estimates.

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Kind Regards,

Squadron Leader Jericho Sayson
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	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
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	SPACE
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20	Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Flying Phenomena "NEW"
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	AIR DEFENCE
s22	
	AIR COMBAT and WEAPONS
s22	
	WORKFORCE
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	EVENTS
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RAAF Senate Estimates

- The Department of Defence are scheduled to appear before Senate Estimates during the period of the 14 to 18 February 2022. The date that Defence will appear will be confirmed in the preceding week.

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RAAF Senate Estimates – CAF/DCAF Pre-Briefing Sessions

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RAAF Senate Estimates – Day of Senate Estimates

- Similar setup to October 2021

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Department of Defence, R1-6-C002, PO Box 7902, CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

MC21-004149

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Dear s47F

REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION OF UFO AND UAP

Thank you for your emails of 3 September 2021, 20 September 2021 and 27 October 2021 to the Minister for Defence, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, regarding the Department of Defence's policy and procedures on Unidentified Flying Objects and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. Your correspondence has been passed to Air Force for response.


The Department of Defence does not have a protocol for the reporting and recording of Unidentifiable Flying Phenomena and Unidentified Flying Objects.

Air Force has previously responded to your query regarding this matter and I am satisfied we have sufficiently addressed your query and as a result, this will be our final correspondence relating to this matter.

Thank you for your interest, I trust this addresses your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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 **CJ Roberts, AM, CSC**
Air Vice-Marshal
Head of Air Force Capability

11 November 2021

*ma'am,
for clearance.*

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Defence Portfolio

SENATE ESTIMATES QUESTION

(Question No.90)

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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.
2. The Department of Defence has not sought guidance on the publication.
3. The Unusual Aerial Sightings Policy was last reviewed in November 2003 and cancelled 25 March 2013.
4. A file was confirmed in 2008 to be at the National Archives of Australia. The interest of its location was raised again in 2011, however Defence was unable to verify its location nor held record of the file being destroyed. As such and to date, the Department of Defence cannot confirm its current existence.
5. The Department of Defence does not have a protocol for reporting or recording of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) or Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). The Air Force ceased handling reports of UAP or UFO in 1996 after determining that there was no scientific or other compelling reason for the Air Force to continue to devote resources to the recording and investigation of UAP or UFO.

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Authorising Officer

Cleared by:

AIRMSHL Mel Hupfeld AO DSC
Chief of Air Force
Air Force

Date: November 2021

Ph: s22

Contact Officer Air Commodore Nicholas Hogan, Director General – Space Domain Review, Air Force, Ph: 02 51083202

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