

**From:** s47E(d)  
**To:** [RAAF MLO](#)  
**Subject:** 230802.1300 - e-mail - s47E(d) /RAAF MLO - MB23-000587 : Petition EN5115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) PDMS Notification - Record Assigned  
**Date:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 1:00:34 PM

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Thanks s47E(d) No major steers other than leveraging the SEBs and recent QoNs relating to this.

Response should land with the fact that the assessed risk does not warrant the resources necessary to stand up this office. s33(a)(iii)

Regards

s47E(d)

Staff Officer to Chief of Air Force

Tel: s47E(d) | Mobile: s22

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Good afternoon SOCAF

For your situational awareness (and incoming for CAF clearance later this month) we have been tasked with a high level covering brief and letter for DPM back to the Petitions Committee in relation to petition [EN5115](#).

RAAF MLO will begin shaping this one, however, if you have any specific lines of effort you may want us to include/consider as part of this response, please let us know.

Regards

s47E(d)

Deputy Director

RAAF MLO | Air Force

Directorate Strategic Issues Management

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 August 2023 3:32 PM  
**To:** RAAF MLO <sup>s47E(d)</sup>  
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from <sup>s47E(d)</sup>  
to Air Force

**Status:**

**Draft**

**Subject:**

Petition EN5115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP)

<b>Instruction:</b>	1/8 - Hi Air force, Please see attached petition DPM has received.  Please prepare high level cover brief and letter for DPM to sign to return to the Petitions Committee. I've copied in Parl Business in case you need any assistance from them. With thanks <sup>s47E(d)</sup>
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**Milestones:**

Due for **Clearance:** 25/08/2023 5:00 PM  
Due to **Parliamentary:** 28/08/2023 5:00 PM  
Due to **Minister's Office:** 29/08/2023 5:00 PM

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Thank You

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From: s47E( on behalf of SP&I Ministerial & Parliamentary  
To: s47E( )  
Cc: SP&I Ministerial & Parliamentary  
Subject: 230810.1627 - e-mail - RAAF MLO - FOR INPUT: Due 4pm Thursday 10 August 2023 - MB23-000587 - Petition ENS115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP)  
Date: Thursday, 10 August 2023, 4:27:03 PM  
Attachments: Petition Ministerial Referral (ENS115).msg

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H s47E( )  
Please see input below from IPDIV for MB23-000587 : Petition ENS115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP).

Thank you

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To: SP&I Ministerial & Parliamentary s47E(d)  
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Subject: FW: FOR INPUT: Due 4pm Thursday 10 August 2023 - MB23-000587 - Petition ENS115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon team,

Below is s33(a)(iii) input (Band 1 cleared) to the tasking from FAS IP. The response addresses the RFI on Petition ENS115 on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) – please see email chain for further details.

Please contact should you have any questions.

s33(a)(iii)

Kind regards,

s47E(d)  
Strategy, Policy and Corporate  
Canada, France and United Kingdom | Global Partners Branch  
International Policy Division  
Department of Defence | Strategy, Policy, & Industry Group  
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s47E( )

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H s47E(d)

Grateful if you could seek information on what s33(a)(iii) Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) [formerly known as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)] on behalf of Air Force. Please provide your input (1\* star or equivalent cleared) to SP&I MinFam (copied) by 4pm Thursday, 10 August 2023.

**Background:**

Air Force is leading the preparation of a cover brief and letter to the Petitions Committee regarding Petition ENS115 (attached). Air Force has asked IP Division for assistance with the above task.

Kind regards,

s4

s47E(d)  
Senior Under  
A/First Assistant Secretary International Policy

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Good morning OFASIP,

Air Force is leading on preparing a covering brief and letter to the Petitions Committee regarding Petition ENS115.

They would appreciate your support in preparing input/receiving information on what s33(a)(iii)

Grateful if you could please provide your input, 1\* star or equivalent cleared by NLT 4pm Thursday 10 August 2023 to s47E(d)

If there are any concerns with the above request or you do not believe that you are the right area to respond to this request, please advise ASAP.

Thanks,

s4

s47E(d)

Ministerial & Parliamentary

Corporate Management | Strategic Engagement and Corporate Branch  
Strategy, Policy, and Industry Group  
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**OFFICIAL**

Good morning team

Air Force is leading on preparing a covering brief and letter to the Petitions Committee regarding Petition [EN5115](#).

I would appreciate support in preparing input/receiving information on what s33(a)(iii)

Grateful for your input, 1 \* star or equivalent cleared by **NLT COB Thursday 10 August 2023**.

If there are any concerns with the above request or you do not believe that you are the right area to respond to this request, please advise ASAP.

Regards

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**To:** DLO DPM  
**Subject:** Petition Ministerial Referral (EN5115)



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1/08/2023

Hon Richard Marles MP  
Minister for Defence  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

A petition in the following terms was recently presented in the House.

**Presentation date:** 31/07/2023

**Petition number:** EN5115 *(Please quote in future correspondence)*

**Number of signatures:** 759

**Terms:**

- **Reason:** The alliance between Australia and the United States is closer today than it has ever been. Their positions on the issue of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) however, could not be further apart. Australia's Five Eyes and AUKUS partner is currently taking the issue of UAP seriously as potential national security threat and safety of flight risk, via the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) established in July 2022. The Australian Department of Defence (AU DoD) does not currently have a protocol for reporting or recording of UAP. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) ceased handling reports of UAP in 1996 after determining that there was no scientific or other compelling reason for the RAAF to continue to devote resources to the recording and investigation of UAP. Considering AU DoD and RAAF have not investigated UAP in almost three decades, have not had any engagement with the US Department of Defense (US DoD) on the UAP issue (as evident by public statements made by the Chief of Air Force on 15 February 2023 in senate estimates and documents released through the Freedom of Information Act) and therefore not been privy to any of the classified data housed within the classified UAP reports presented to members of US Congress, the risk of a domain awareness gap is high.
- **Request:** We therefore ask the House to conduct a formal review of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena and consider the establishment of an investigatory body to assess the potential national security threats and safety of flight risks that UAP pose.

As you may be aware, under Standing Order 209(a) and (b) the Petitions Committee may refer a copy of a petition to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter raised in the petition. A written response to the referred petition is expected within 90 days of its presentation in the House.

When the response has been considered by the Committee it will be presented in the House, recorded in Hansard and published on the Committee's website at: <https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions>.

I look forward to receiving your response in due course.

**Please email your response to the Petitions Committee at [petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au)**

Please advise the Committee as soon as possible if this petition should be referred to a different Minister.

Yours sincerely

s22



Ms Susan Templeman MP  
Chair

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS**

PO Box 6021, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600 | Phone: (02) 6277 2152 | Email: [petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au)

**From:** s47E(d)  
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**Cc:** [RAAF MLO](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, 4 August 2023 9:36:54 AM  
**Attachments:** s22

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## OFFICIAL

Good morning s47E(d)

As discussed, Air Force is leading on preparing a covering brief and letter to the Petitions Committee regarding Petition [EN5115](#). The petition requests:

*The House to conduct a formal review of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena and consider the establishment of an investigatory body to assess the potential national security threats and safety of flight risks that UAP pose.*

I acknowledge that Space Command does not lead on the UAP topic, however, we are keen to seek input, if any, that they may wish to have considered to form a response to the Petition from a Space perspective.

Grateful for your input, 1 \* star or equivalent cleared by **NLT COB Thursday 10 August 2023**.

Regards

s47E(d)

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RAAF MLO | Air Force  
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**Cc:** s47E(d) [Office of Defence Space Commander](#)  
**Subject:** 230810.0835 - e-mail - s47E(d) - FOR INPUT: Due COB Thursday 10 August 2023 - MB23-000587 : Petition EN5115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP)  
**Date:** Thursday, 10 August 2023 8:35:26 AM  
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[image003.png](#)

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## OFFICIAL

Hi s47E(d)

I spoke with s47E(d) this morning to confirm requirements.

As UAP is not within the remit of DSpc, we do not have any comments to provide.

Regards,



s47E(d)

**Staff Officer to Commander Defence Space Command**  
Air Vice-Marshal Catherine Roberts, AO, CSC

**Defence Space Command**

Ph: s47E(d) | Mob: s22

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## OFFICIAL

Hi s47E(d)

s47E(d) I am SO to Commander Defence Space Command. s47E(d) has pointed me in your direction for further guidance on the subject line. Could you please advise what you are seeking from Defence Space Command?

Regards,



s47E(d)

**Staff Officer to Commander Defence Space Command**  
Air Vice-Marshal Catherine Roberts, AO, CSC

**Defence Space Command**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 August 2023 2:01 PM

**To:** s47E(d)

**Cc:** Office of Defence Space Commander s47E(d)

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## OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s47E(d)

The best POC to discuss further is s47E(d), you will need to check with s47E(d) if a letter has been drafted up as no correspondence was provide at the time of the request just the petition.

Thanks,

s47E(d)

Deputy Director  
Joint Capabilities Group

M: s22 /s22

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Space Commander  
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**Cc:** Office of Defence Space Commander s47E(d) [redacted]  
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Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s47E(d) [redacted]

Thank you for your email. Can you please provide the correspondence RAAF sent to JCG and a POC in RAAF I could call to ask what type of content they are after? I doubt we will have anything but I'd like to do my due diligence.

Regards,



s47E(d) [redacted]

**Staff Officer to Commander Defence Space Command**  
Air Vice-Marshal Catherine Roberts, AO, CSC

**Defence Space Command**

Ph: s47E(d) [redacted] | Mob: s22 [redacted]

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**To:** Office of Defence Space Commander s47E(d) [redacted]  
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Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Good afternoon team,

Air Force is leading on preparing a covering brief and letter to the Petitions Committee regarding Petition [EN5115](#). The petition requests:

“The House to conduct a formal review of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena and consider the establishment of an investigatory body to assess the potential national security threats and safety of flight risks that UAP pose.”

RAAF seeks input, if any, that they may wish to have considered to form a response to the Petition from a Space perspective.

Grateful if you could provide your 1-Star cleared response back to RAAF by COB Thursday, 10 August 2023.

Thanks,

s47E(d)

Deputy Director of Cabinet  
Ministerial, Parliamentary and Cabinet Directorate  
Joint Capabilities Group Headquarters

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**Date:** Monday, 21 August 2023 1:27:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [MB23-000587.docx](#)

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## OFFICIAL

Hi s47E(d) Have reviewed subj MB and letter, with minor suggestions only for your consid IRT the brief. In terms of the letter, s47C

Didn't do this in PDMS so as not to mess with your jam. Cheers, s47E(d)

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**Date:** Tuesday, 22 August 2023 11:09:17 AM  
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**OFFICIAL**

Hi s47E(d)

Happy with the amendments to Attachment A – Letter to Petition Committee.

s47C

s47E(d)

Staff Officer to Head of Air Force Capability

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**OFFICIAL**

Good morning s47E(d)

Attached with amendments as requested by HAC ☺

Regards

s47E(d)

Deputy Director  
RAAF MLO | Air Force  
Directorate Strategic Issues Management  
Air Force Headquarters

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Hi s47E(d)

If you send it back to the OHAC mailbox, s47C

s47E(d)

Staff Officer to Head of Air Force Capability

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**OFFICIAL**

Good morning!

Thank you! Is this considered cleared with changes or would HAC like to see the action brief and letter again prior to progression to SOCAF?

Regards

s47E(d)

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## OFFICIAL

Hi s47E(d)

PFA HAC comments for

- ***MB23-000587 – Action Brief – Petition EN5115 – UAP***
- ***Letter to Petitions Committee***

s47E(d)

Staff Officer to Head of Air Force Capability

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## OFFICIAL

Good afternoon HAC Office

Please find attached the following ready for HAC clearance:

- MB23-000587 – Action Brief – Petition EN5115 – UAP
- Letter to Petitions Committee

I've also attached a copy of Petition EN5115 for context.

### Background

On 1 August 2023, the petitions committee forwarded petition EN5115 to the Deputy Prime Minister for consideration. The petition calls for the House to undertake a full review of UAP and consider the establishment of an investigatory body to assess the potential national security threats and safety of flight risks that UAP pose.

RAAF MLO, in consultation with SP&I and Space Command, have developed a covering action brief and response to the petitions committee ready for HAC (as within her remit) to clear.

As this is an action brief, 3 \* star clearance is required. At the request of SOCAF, RAAF MLO also s33(a)(iii) on UAP matters.

I would appreciate HAC clearance of the attached and returned to RAAF MLO IOT staff through to SOCAF for CAF clearance by **NLT 1200h Wednesday 23 August 2023.**

Happy to discuss!

Regards

s47E(d)  
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**Subject:** Petition EN5115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP)

<b>Instruction:</b>	Good morning SOCAF Please find action brief and draft letter for DPM in response to petition EN5115 as anticipated, ready for CAF clearance. This is has been cleared through HAC. Local team will bring in HC for you. Due back to RAAF MLO CAF cleared by 1200h Monday 28 August 2023. Thank you! <sup>s47E(d)</sup>
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**To:** s47E(d)  
**Cc:** [RAAF MLO](#); s47E(d)  
**Subject:** 230828.1200 - e-mail - s47E(d) - MB23-000587 : Petition EN5115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) PDMS Notification - Record Assigned  
**Date:** Monday, 28 August 2023 12:00:57 PM

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Thanks s47E(d) – FYSA, we developed TPs based off the SEB; which are currently with Media for clearance prior to progression to CAF Office ☺

Regards

s47E(d)

Deputy Director  
RAAF MLO | Air Force  
Directorate Strategic Issues Management  
Air Force Headquarters

**Phone:** s47E(d) | **Mobile:** s22  
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**Subject:** RE: MB23-000587 : Petition EN5115 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47E(d)

I've got nothing here, I expect it's the TPs that are used for Senate Estimates.

Regards,

s47E(d)

Acting Staff Officer to Chief of Air Force

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Good morning s47E(d)

In SOCAF's absence, the below was cleared by CAF on Friday 25 August 2023, however, it refers to Attachment B – talking points – there are nil in the package, do you happen to know whether these were developed? If not, we can make arrangements to have these developed ☺

Regards

s47E(d)

Deputy Director  
RAAF MLO | Air Force  
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Air Force Headquarters  
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Sent: Friday, 25 August 2023 6:46 PM

To: s47E(d)

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**Date:** Monday, 28 August 2023 8:21:47 AM  
**Attachments:** [Attachment B - Talking Points - MB23-000587.docx](#)

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## OFFICIAL

Good morning s47E(d)

Whilst I await a response from s47E(d) s absence, I have prepared some points in the interim (should none have been developed).

Can you please complete a review of these?

Regards

s47E(d)  
Deputy Director  
RAAF MLO | Air Force  
Directorate Strategic Issues Management  
Air Force Headquarters  
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**Date:** Tuesday, 29 August 2023 12:46:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [Attachment B - Talking Points - MB23-000587.docx](#)

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Hi s47E(d)

A/CAF has cleared attached TPs.

Regards,

s47E(d)

Acting Staff Officer to Chief of Air Force

Tel: s47E(d) | Mobile: s22

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Good morning s47E(d)

As promised, please find AFHQ media cleared TPs to support the attached Action Brief (MB23-000587).

s47E(d)

s47E(d)



I will give Defence Ministerials a courtesy call as well so they are aware of the delay.

Thanks!

Regards

s47E(d)

Deputy Director  
RAAF MLO | Air Force  
Directorate Strategic Issues Management  
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Cleared.

s47E(d)  
Manager – Media and Military Public Affairs  
Air Force Headquarters

s47E(d) | s22

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Hi s47E(d)

I am cognizant s47E(d) is away today – can you please clear on her behalf from a MECC Media Manager perspective?

Kindest regards,

s47E(d)

s47E(d)  
SO2 AFHQ Media

Air Force Headquarters

M: s22  
s47E(d)  
s47E(d) | Russell Drive, Russell ACT 2600

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Good morning team

On Friday 25 August 2023, CAF cleared the attached action brief (MB23-000587), however, it refers to *Attachment B – Talking Points* under Media Interest.

We have prepared the attached talking points, grateful for your review and arrangement of s47E(d) clearance IOT progress through to CAF Office to obtain clearance.

Please note, the package in its entirety is due to MECC at 1700h today.

Regards

s47E(d)  
Deputy Director  
RAAF MLO | Air Force  
Directorate Strategic Issues Management  
Air Force Headquarters  
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(UAP)

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Thank You

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<b>Instruction:</b>	Good afternoon team Cleared OBO Chief of Air Force - 25 Aug 23 TPs cleared by Acting Chief of Air Force - 29 Aug 23. For progression to DPMO. Thank you <sup>s47E(d)</sup> A/DD-MLO RAAF
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**THE HON RICHARD MARLES MP  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE**

Ref No: MB23-000587

Ms Susan Templeman MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Petitions  
PO Box 6021, Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 August 2023 presenting Petition EN5115 – *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP)*. I have considered the matters raised in the petition.

I note the petition requests the House conduct a formal review of UAP to consider the establishment of an investigatory body to assess the potential national security threats and safety of flight risks that UAP pose.

As acknowledged in the petition, Defence ceased handling reports of UAP in 1996 as there was no scientific or compelling reason to continue to divert resources to the recording and investigation of UAP. Defence does maintain robust safety and security reporting and management frameworks that are sufficiently flexible to capture UAP.

The Australian Government is aware of the establishment of the United States All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO), and Defence monitors AARO reports. There are no plans to replicate a similar mechanism.

The Government remains committed to aviation safety and national security. Should there be a compelling reason to believe existing reporting mechanisms are insufficient, the Government would reconsider.

Thank you again for forwarding Petition EN5115 for my consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard Marles'.

RICHARD MARLES



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**Australian Government**

**Defence**

**MINISTERIAL TALKING POINTS**

**PETITION EN5115 – UNIDENTIFIED ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA (UAP)**

*If asked about the establishment of an investigatory body into UAP:*

- Defence stopped handling UAP-related reporting in 1996 after it was determined there was no scientific or other compelling reason to resource the recording or investigation of UAP reports.
  - Defence assesses its reporting and investigation mechanisms, while not specific to UAP, are adequate to address all safety and security incidents.
  - This remains Defence's position and aligns with our priorities, mission and objectives.
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- Defence is aware of the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) within the United States Department of Defense, however, this is a matter for the United States Government and has no influence on the Australian Government position on UAP.

*If asked about existing reporting mechanisms:*

- Defence does not have specific policy governing the reporting and recording of UAP by members of the public or Defence personnel.
  - Any aviation safety incident involving Defence that may potentially be characterised as UAP would be handled by the Defence Aviation Safety Authority.
  - Civilian aviation safety incidents are investigated by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
  - If the Australian public wish to report UAP, they should contact their local police authorities, or get in contact with a civil UAP research organisation.
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Clearance	Name	Appointment	Date and time
Cleared by: (Group/Service)	Air Vice-Marshal Wendy Blyth	Acting Chief of Air Force	29 August 2023
MECC Embedded Communication Director	s47E(d)	Manager – Media & MPA, AFHQ	29 August 2023
Has a copy been provided to Defence Media for Information?	Yes		

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