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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 4:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 260515 - Email - [REDACTED] - Travel agents information

OFFICIAL

Sir,

FYSA, the DG just dropped by my desk asking if I was aware of [REDACTED] (acting Commander AAFC) concern about the IACE travel. I wasn't but DG said [REDACTED] concern is the travel through Dubai. I advised him we were looking at that and I'd sent you info and suggestion FYC, so the issue hadn't been put up to him yet because we were still looking at in GNDOPS.

[REDACTED]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Director Ground Operations | Cadets Branch – Air Force
and Air Force Coach

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | Brindabella Park, ACT 2610

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 4:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: 260515:1614 - [REDACTED] Travel agents information

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Thanks, s47F

Sir,

BLUF: Extant Smarttraveller guidance “do not travel” to/through UAE might change between now and when IACE travel occurs. We still have some time to monitor that but a decision date and factors to consider need to be identified so we can adjust in a way that minimises impact on participants if new airfares are required.

Below are the key points from DCAF and Smarttraveller guidance.

Attached is guidance from DCAF after approaching him regarding IACE, which states: “All travelling personnel are to familiarise themselves with, and comply with, Smarttraveller guidance, including general travel advice and country-specific risk assessments, for both destinations and transit points.”

Smarttraveller, updated 11 May 26, [United Arab Emirates Travel Advice & Safety | Smarttraveller](#), shows UAE as a ‘do not travel’ country. ‘Do not travel’ advice applies to transit and layovers in the UAE. Even if you don’t plan to leave the airport. If you travel to or transit through the UAE, you may be unable to leave. Your safety will be at risk. Your travel insurance may become invalid.

Noting that Smarttraveller guidance might change before the travel, we need to monitor that closely. If it doesn’t change, the trip will need to change to avoid the Middle East, which will incur extra cost due to cancellation fees and more expensive new airfares. That expense might be a show-stopper for some participants.

Sir, if new airfares are required, is there an option to use relevant funds (eg underspend for s47F) to cover the extra expense? Timing of that would need to consider cutoff date for spending for the FY.

With travel scheduled for early July, there is still some time for Smarttraveller rating to change but we need to determine a decision date so we avoid the alternative airfares becoming more expensive and, if using relevant funds, any spend cutoff dates.

s47 F is checking the travel agent refund policy (do they refund the fare but keep the cancellation fee, or do they keep it all?)

Flagging the issue to participants and the DG and Commander hasn’t occurred yet. Unsure if they are already aware.

Any other factors to consider?

Kind regards,

s47E(c)

s47E(c)

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Deputy Director Ground Operations | Cadets Branch – Air Force
and Air Force Coach
§47E(c) §22 | §47E(c) | Brindabella Park, ACT 2610

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From: §47F
Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 1:15 PM
To: §47E(c)
Cc: §47E(c) §47F
Subject: Travel agents information [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning Sir,

I have been in touch with our Travel Agent re the current no travel advise through the UAE. His reply is below. If we where to change the flights to one of the other airlines the approx. extra cost to each member would be - Belgium \$1600 and UK \$1300.

Regards,

§47F
Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

Ph: §47F
Email: §47F

From: §47F
Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 9:39 AM
To: §22

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: DFAT warning about Dubai

Hi [REDACTED]

All the groups are travelling to Europe and the UK via Dubai.

Cancellations fees would be similar to [REDACTED] \$589.00 per person

Unfortunately due to the current situation the alternative airlines not flying via the Middle East are quite expensive.

For example basic fares based on Sydney to London and return (**similar timings to Emirates my not be available**)

Singapore airlines from \$4,988.00 per person

Malaysia Airlines from \$4,000.00 per person

Cathay Pacific from \$4,000.00 per person

Thai Airways from \$3,905.00 per person

Emirates and Qatar have both advised that their flight schedules and services are back to normal.

Cheers

Gary

[REDACTED]

Senior Travel Consultant

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From: [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Sent: Thursday, 21 May 2026 8:24 AM
To: [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Cc: [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Subject: 260521 - Email - [REDACTED] s47E(c) - AAFC International Travel

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Additions/Corrections in green below

[REDACTED] s47E(c)
Hi

Draft e-mail for Staff Officer International Activities [REDACTED] s47F to send out to the OOC/IOC, cadets and cadet's parents/guardians (addressees) on the DCAF requirement to formally notify the designated travellers of the Government travel restrictions etc. My plan is to have the SOIA to send it to the addressees, get acknowledgement from all addressees and to provide that acknowledgement to me.

Request review of wording and plan.

Regards

[REDACTED] s47E(c)

Good afternoon all,

Since the IACE outbound flights is international travel I was directed to seek approval from Deputy Chief of Air Force (DCAF) for the AAFC members (cadets and staff) to participate in the outbound journey. DCAF determined that due to the travelling personnel not being Air Force **members or employees**, they were not bound by the restrictions of the CAF Directive where all non-essential official overseas travel was to be cancelled. Noting this DCAF directed DGCADETS-AF to formally notify the designated travellers of current Australian Government travel restrictions, guidance and risk advisories, including those published on the Smarttraveller website. This notification is to be recorded formally and is to outline the prevailing risks and potential consequences associated with international travel, noting that conditions may change at short notice. I have been directed by DGCADETS-AF to comply with DCAF's direction and formally notify the travellers.

You are to send the following via e-mail to all OOC/IOC, cadets and parents/guardians of cadets who will be participating in IACE outbound:

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AAFC Cadets and staff are advised that Air Force accepts no liability for costs or losses arising from flight delays, cancellations, or itinerary changes resulting from the current international conflict, fuel supply disruptions, oil price fluctuations, or related market impacts beyond Air Force control. Key points to note, although not exhaustive:

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- ***Transiting affected regions is high risk**: airspace and borders may close with little notice; “Do not travel” advice applies even to layovers.*
- *Travellers should check airlines, insurance and travel advice regularly, monitor news, follow local authorities, and prioritise personal safety.*

Further detail can be obtained from the website: [Global travel impacts of conflict in the Middle East | Smarttraveller](#)

Currently the Australian Government is restricting anyone from travelling through the following locations:

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- *Iran*
- *Iraq*
- *UAE*
- *Israel*
- *Kuwait*
- *Lebanon*
- *Palestine*
- *Qatar*
- *Syria*
- *Yemen*

Accompanying adult staff members will provide Director Ground Operations, cadets and parents/guardians of cadets accurate itineraries and any updates which may occur during the outbound journey. Cadets are to ensure parents/guardians contact details are provided to their accompanying staff member prior to departure.

You are to do the following by 27 May 26:

- acknowledge receipt of this e-mail to GNDOPS, via return email
- send the e-mail below to all OOC/IOC, Cadets and parents/guardians of cadets (addressees)
- obtain email acknowledgement from addressees of receipt of the e-mail and that they understand the contents. These responses are to be retained until all travel has concluded
- provide evidence to DGNDOPS of addressees acknowledgement.

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Office of the Deputy Chief of Air Force
Sent: Monday, 11 May 2026 6:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: AAFC International Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Gents,

DCAF has determined that due to the travelling personnel not being Air Force employees, they are not bound by the restrictions of the CAF Directive.

Noting this, DCAF assigns DG CB-AF as the Responsible Officer to formally notify the designated travellers of current Australian Government travel restrictions, guidance and risk advisories, including those published on the Smarttraveller website. This notification is to be recorded formally and is to outline the prevailing risks and potential consequences associated with international travel, noting that conditions may change at short notice.

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Further detail from the website: [Global travel impacts of conflict in the Middle East](#) | Smarttraveller

The Australian Government is restricting anyone from travelling through the following locations:

- Bahrain
- Iran
- Iraq
- UAE
- Israel
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Palestine
- Qatar
- Syria
- Yemen

Kind regards

S47E(c)

Staff Officer to the Deputy Chief of Air Force

W: S47E(c) | m: S22 | e: S47E(c) | P.O. Box 7902 | CANBERRA BC | ACT 2610
Office of the Chief of Air Force

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From: S47E(c) On Behalf Of Deputy Chief of Staff AFHQ

Sent: Thursday, 7 May 2026 2:22 PM

To: S47E(d)

Cc: S47E(c)

b47E(c)

Subject: FW: AAFC International Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

SODCAF,

BLUF. Cadet Branch (CB) requests a DCAF decision by COB 11 May 26, if individual-funded international travel needs to comply with the [CAF Directive 05/26](#).

What. CB intend to participate in the [International Air Cadet Exchange program](#) over the period 11-30 Jul 26 (ie in nine weeks). CB is planning for groups in the table below to conduct individual-funded international travel. The overseas visit by the Australian contingent will not use any public resources.

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Country	Cadets	Staff
Belgium	2	1
Netherlands	3	1
USA	3	1
UK	5	1
NZ	6	1

So What. A decision is requested to inform planning and any subsequent decision by Command. This is not a request to approve the activity, which is expected to follow.

What next. My recommendation is the program does not need to comply with CAF Directive 05/26 because it is outside of Official Travel Policy. This is not approval to execute the activity, but only to continue planning.

Background

[Official travel policy](#) applies to:

- all persons engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999* in Defence;
- all members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF);
- any other person who is defined as an official in accordance with section 13 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and section 9 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014* (PGPA Rule);
- dependents of the above personnel where approved to undertake Official Travel;
- Contractors, Consultants and Outsourced Service Providers (CCOSPs) unless otherwise specified in their contractual arrangements;

- f. persons on exchange with, or on loan to Defence unless otherwise specified in their memorandum of understanding;
- g. Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) members; and
- h. Australian Submarine Agency (ASA) members.

Cadets are specifically excluded as ADF in the Defence Act 1903. However, the *Defence Act* mentions:

The Chief of the Defence Force may use members of the Defence Force and the resources of the Defence Force for the purposes of administering, managing, supervising and training cadets.

Note: The use and management of public resources must comply with the requirements of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

The PGPA Act defines public resources as relevant money, relevant property, or appropriations.

[REDACTED] | Air Force Headquarters | Deputy Chief of Staff
[REDACTED] | SZ2 | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
S47E(c)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 May 2026 1:05 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 260527 - Email -
Participants

S47E(c)

Wednesday, 27 May 2026 1:05 PM

S47F

- Acknowledgement of International Travel Requirements - IACE Outbound
Participants

OFFICIAL

Thanks [REDACTED] The spreadsheet will suffice but pls keep all acknowledgement e-mails on file in CEA.

S47F

Regards

[REDACTED]
S47E(c)

DGNDOPS
CB-AF

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 26 May 2026 8:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

S47E(c)

S47F

Subject: Re: Acknowledgement of International Travel Requirements - IACE Outbound Participants [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Good Evening Sir,

I have collated all responses from Cadets and their emergency contacts acknowledging the email.
Please see the attached list.

Would you like each individual email forwarded to you? Or is there another way that you would prefer to receive the evidence of their responses?

Kind regards,

s47F

s47F

Staff Officer International Activities (SOLA)
Ground Operations, National Headquarters
Australian Air Force Cadets

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s47E(g)

From:

Sent: Thursday, 21 May 2026 4:49 PM

To: s47F

Cc: s47E(g)

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s47F

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Additionally, pls advise when the decision for go/no go of Europe bound IACE participants will occur.

Regards

STATE (c)

DGNDOPS
CB-AF/AAFC NATHQ

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[REDACTED]
S47F(c)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 19 June 2026, 1:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: J Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups

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Thanks Sir, acknowledged.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
S47F
)
Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

Ph: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
S22
S47F

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2026 10:32
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
S
S47F(c)

Subject: RE: Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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[REDACTED]
Hi

We need to discuss the way ahead next week. We'll see how the ceasefire goes over the weekend. Things can easily flare up.

Regards

[REDACTED]
s47E(c)

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CB-AF

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[REDACTED]
From: s47F

Sent: Friday, 19 June 2026 12:25 PM

To: [REDACTED]
s47E(c)

Cc: [REDACTED]
s47F

Subject: Re: Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning again Sir,

[REDACTED]
s47F

Staff and Cadets confirm they are happy to proceed with the original plan.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
s47F

Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

[REDACTED]
s47F

Ph: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2026 09:34
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning Sir,

I have contacted all Staff and Cadets flights. All have replied by email.

Transit times through Dubai are -

UK Group - Outbound 3hrs 15 min/Inbound 2 hrs 5 min
Belgium Group - Outbound 3 hrs 50 min/Inbound 3 hrs 55 min
Netherlands Group - Outbound 3 hrs 35 Min/Inbound 3 hrs 30 min

All groups are travelling together Sydney to Dubai (FLT # EK417) and returning together Dubai to Sydney (FLT # EK412).

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

Ph: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] s47F
Sent: 18 June 2026 09:59
To: [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Cc: [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Subject: Re: Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thank you Sir,
I will contact them immediately.

Regards,
[REDACTED] s47F
Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

Ph: [REDACTED] s22
Email: [REDACTED] s47F

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From: [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Sent: 18 June 2026 09:27
To: [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Cc: [REDACTED] s47F
Subject: RE: Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning [REDACTED] s47F and [REDACTED] s47F

The decision point for IACE is approaching and I wanted to get your understanding and thoughts. Although the travel advisory for UAE has been dropped to "Level 3: Reconsider your need to travel" which is defined as "Avoid non-essential travel. Do your research and check that your insurer will cover you. If you do travel, take extra precautions to protect yourself from security and health risks".

I am still not comfortable allowing the AAFC staff and cadets to transit through UAE. CB-AF/HQAAFC still has a duty of care to ensure the travellers are safe and the current threat level does not support this. I think we should contact the parent/guardians and staff members and ascertain whether they wish to continue or cancel.

Regards

s47E(c)

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CB-AF/AAFC NATHQ

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 4:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

Defence can not provide any funding for this activity as it is an international activity and would require DCAF approval to do so. Additionally, the trip would be cancelled as non-essential Defence international travel is cancelled due to the Middle East conflict.

Noting the Smarttraveller is showing do not travel through UAE I don't see any other course of action other than to either cancel the trip or rebook through an alternative route and pay the difference. I don't see the parents/guardians agreeing to letting their child fly through an area the Aust Govt is saying not to go to. We have previously discussed making a decision in the week of 20 Jun.

Regards

s47E(c)

[REDACTED]

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CB-AF

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From: [REDACTED] S47F
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 3:51 PM
To: [REDACTED] S47F
Cc: [REDACTED] S47F

Subject: Alternative costings for IACE Europe Groups [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Sir's,

I contacted our Travel Agent and asked him to look at alternative flights to Europe (UK, Belgium and the Netherlands) for our Outbound IACE Groups. He has supplied me with the following information -

	Original Fare	Cancellation	Balance	Alternative	Less balance	Total	Final Total	Comments
Netherlands	\$3,030.00	\$594.00	\$2,436.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,436.00	\$1,064.00	x 4	Cathay Pacific Dep 12 Jun
Belgium	\$3,010.00	\$594.00	\$2,416.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,416.00	\$1,084.00	x 4	Cathay Pacific Dep 12 Jun
UK	\$3,320.00	\$594.00	\$2,726.00	\$3,750.00	\$2,726.00	\$1,024.00	x 5	MAS Dep 12 Jul 26 at 13
							Total	\$13,712.00 To be paid

If we were to cancel the Europe groups trips entirely each cadet and staff member would be out of pocket the cancellation fee, their travel insurance and the cost of their uniform items etc. (potentially up to \$1000 each), remembering that apart from the Foundation Funding (approx. \$650 on average), they are entirely self-funded. Also, the host countries would have spent a considerable amount on accommodation transport, messing and activities.

The funding for the balance could come from existing GNDOPS funds or extra funding from the Foundation. If we were to go ahead and rebook this should be done as soon as possible to alleviate the price increase as we get closer to the activity. It would be a shame to cancel an activity that all are looking forward to. Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you need to discuss.

Regards,

s47F

Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

Ph: s22

Email: s47F

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s47E(c)

From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

s22

Sunday, 21 June 2026 8:59 AM

s47F

s47F

s47E(c)

Anthony AIRCDRE

260621:0859 - s22

s47F

Thompson, Fern BRIG, s47F

s47F

Bull,

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Re: Impact of Middle East situation on IACE AAFC participants

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is



safe.

Hi Foundation Members,
Thank you all for the fast turnaround!

Hi s47F

I am pleased to be able to confirm that the Foundation has agreed to assist the IACE cadets/staff with \$13,712 additional sponsorship to address the increased airfare costs.

Hi s47F

We have unanimous agreement to increase the allocation to IACE by \$13, 712. Could you please make/approve the transfer when you get a chance and I will co-approve it.

Cheers, s47F

Air Vice-Marshal K. Osley AM, CSC

Chair

Australian Air Force Cadets Foundation
National Headquarters

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, 20 June 2026 8:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Bull Anthony GPCAPT [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Impact of Middle East situation on IACE AAFC participants [SEC=OFFICIAL]

I agree the Foundation should provide the additional \$13,712 for IACE outbound

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

On 20 Jun 2026, at 09:43, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED] EXT email: be mindful of links/attachments.

[REDACTED]

I support the additional allocation on the basis that that it is a one-off as you have said.

I would note that the 'conditions' we placed on the initial 2026 allocation of funds did not occur (ie. feedback from LACE 25, involvement in a review of LACE 25 etc). Involvement in the next iteration of IACE should have similar conditions and I would make that clear as part of this and future allocations of funds.

Regards

§47F

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Sent from my iPhone

On 20 Jun 2026, at 08:20, §22 wrote:

Hi Foundation members,

Below is a self explanatory email trail that in summary says:

1. The impact of changing flights/airlines due to the impact of the war in the Middle East is an additional \$13,712 for the 13 participants heading to European destinations.
2. The participants have already paid several thousand each to participate, and even if they cancelled they would still be \$1000 out of pocket each.

CDRAAFC and DGCB-AF both recommend the Foundation support the IACE with the additional funds rather than have the participants either scramble to try to find additional funds in the next few days (the trip is imminent).

I support the increased allocation for IACE because:

1. The expense is a one-off and totally out of the control of the cadets or IACE program
2. Cancellation would incur the same costs as the additional amount required to make it happen.
3. Boeing/CAE/Ray Funnell Bursary collectively pledged more to IACE (\$34+K) than the \$25K we have so far given to IACE – and so it is defensible that we meet the additional costs.
4. The Foundation has the additional funds to support this increase.

Noting we need a decision ASAP, please reply with either ‘agree the Foundation should provide the additional \$13,712 for IACE outbound’ or ‘disagree the Foundation should provide the additional \$13,712 for IACE outbound’.

If the decision is positive, then I will work with Peter C to get the \$\$ transferred.

Cheers, §47F

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Chair

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BP18-3-110
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From: s47F
Sent: Friday, 19 June 2026 3:17 PM
To: Kym Osley s22
Cc: s47E(c) s47F
Subject: IACE Outbound U and Europe issue with Middle East [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Sir,

Below you will see a table that the AAFC IACE Team has put together to identify the need to possibly move flights for the UK and Europe Outbound trip.

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Thanks for your consideration

s47F

We have contacted our Travel Agent and asked him to look at alternative flights to Europe (UK, Belgium and the Netherlands) for our Outbound IACE Groups. He has supplied me with the following information -

<image.png>

If we were to cancel the Europe groups trips entirely each cadet and staff member would be out of pocket the cancellation fee, their travel insurance and the cost of their uniform items etc. (potentially up to \$1000 each), remembering that apart from the Foundation Funding (approx. \$650 on average), they are entirely self-funded. Also, the host countries would have spent a considerable amount on accommodation transport, messing and activities.

Regards

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 21 June 2026, 11:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 260621 - Email - [REDACTED] /Many - New Flight bookings information

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Good morning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

With the ongoing situation in the middle east Defence still cannot make a decision on whether or not our groups can transit through Dubai, so the Commander AAFC has made the decision for us to seek alternate routes that do not transit through the Middle East. He has received further funding from the Foundation to cover the extra international costs. I have been in touch with our Travel Agent, and he has supplied us with a number of alternatives for each destination. With these changes it means that a number of internal flights will need to change and accommodation will need to be arranged for the Belgium and Netherlands groups on their return. The UK group Internal flights will remain the same. Below is the new flight information for Belgium and the Netherlands groups. Both groups are travelling to and from Hong Kong on the same flights. There internal return flights can remain the same or earlier if you wish to change them.

Outbound -

Cathay Pacific Airways	Flight Number	Class	From	Leaving	Destination	Arriving	Flying Time	Stops
	CX0100	Economy	Sydney Kingsford Smith, Sydney, NS - Terminal 1 International	Sun 12 Jul 14:05	Hong Kong, Hong Kong Sar China - Terminal 1	Sun 12 Jul 21:30	9h25m	0

Inbound

Cathay Pacific Airways	Flight Number	Class	From	Leaving	Destination	Arriving	Flying Time	Stops
	CX0139	Economy	Hong Kong, Hong Kong Sar China - Terminal 1	Wed 29 Jul 09:10	Sydney Kingsford Smith, Sydney, NS - Terminal 1 International	Wed 29 Jul 20:10	9h	0

Those involved are -

Netherlands -

[REDACTED]	12 Jul Arr VA425 at 1650 Dep 30 Jul QF735 at 1015
[REDACTED]	13 Jul Arr QF462 at 1730 30 Jul Dep QF433 at 1005
[REDACTED]	Own transport to and from airport
[REDACTED]	13 Jul Arr QF462 at 1730 Dep 30 Jul QF433 at 1005

Belgium -
s47F

12 Jul Arr VA0556 at 1625 Dep 30 Jul VA0557 at 1225
12 Jul Arr VA0556 at 1625 Dep 30 Jul VA0557 at 1225
12 Jul Arr Rex 6776 at 1720 Dep 30 Jul QF2205 at 1120
12 Jul Arr VA425 at 1650 Dep 30 Jul QF735 at 1015

s47E(c)

please give me a call if you need to discuss and s47E(c) I will call you tomorrow and give you an update.

Regards,

s47F

Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

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Ph:

Email: s47F

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From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

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Monday, 22 June 2026 11:18 AM
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s47E(d)

Bull, Anthony AIRCDRE

IACE Outbound U and Europe issue with Middle East

Follow Up Flag:

Flag Status:

Follow up
Completed

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Good morning Sir,

We have contacted the Travel Agent and made alternative bookings. The Travel agent has also been able to save some money on the Malaysian Airlines flight, so the new total is currently \$12,212.00. I will ask our Finance Officer to Invoice the Foundation directly.

Regards,

s47F

Staff Officer International Activities (SOIA)
GNDOPS

Ph:

Email:

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From:

Sent: 20 June 2026 18:48

To:

s47E(c)

s47E(d)

Cc: [REDACTED] s47F [REDACTED] s47F(s) [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: IACE Outbound U and Europe issue with Middle East [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Sir

Received with thanks

Appreciate the support of the foundation in this matter to allow the cadets to continue with the IACE program.

[REDACTED] s47F

Regards

[REDACTED] s47F

[REDACTED] s47F

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From: [REDACTED] s22
Sent: Saturday, 20 June 2026 15:19:42
To: [REDACTED] s47F
Cc: [REDACTED] s47F [REDACTED] s47F(s) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
s47E(c)

Subject: RE: IACE Outbound U and Europe issue with Middle East [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
s47F s47E(c)

The Foundation members have approved it now. We ([REDACTED] s47F and I) will have \$13,712 transferred to CB-AF so the payments can be made for tickets for IACE outbound. Please let [REDACTED] s47F know the account details if they are different to previous.
Cheers, [REDACTED] s47F

Air Vice-Marshal K. Osley AM, CSC

Chair

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National Headquarters
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, 20 June 2026 8:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]
s47F s47E(c)

Cc: [REDACTED]
s47F

Subject: RE: IACE Outbound U and Europe issue with Middle East [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED]
s47F

I think it is reasonable for the Foundation to step in and support this. Just let me do a quick check with the Foundation members and I'll get back.

Cheers, [REDACTED]
s47E(c)

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From:

Sent: Friday, 19 June 2026 3:17 PM

To: Kym Oslev^{S22}

Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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	Original Fare	Cancellation	Balance	Alternative	Less balance	Total	Final Total	Comments
Netherlands	\$3,030.00	\$594.00	\$2,436.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,436.00	\$1,064.00	\$4,256.00	Cathay Pacific Dep 12 Jul
Belgium	\$3,010.00	\$594.00	\$2,416.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,416.00	\$1,084.00	\$4,336.00	Cathay Pacific Dep 12 Jul
UK	\$3,320.00	\$594.00	\$2,726.00	\$3,750.00	\$2,726.00	\$1,024.00	\$5,120.00	MAS Dep 12 Jul 26 at 13:00
						Total	\$13,712.00	To be paid

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[REDACTED]
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From: Bull, Anthony AIRCDRE on behalf of DG CB-AF
Sent: Friday, 10 July 2026 2:50 PM
To: [REDACTED] s47F
[REDACTED] s47E(c) s47F
Subject: 260710 - Email - A Bull/Many - ADFCadets: Activity cancelled - 89514: GNDOPS | Outbound International Exchange (IACE) 2026

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Folks,

RI clearly states that [REDACTED] s47E(c) is A/COS.

I have approved the task in CEA.

[REDACTED] s47E(c) – Please reactivate any additional tasks that need approval.

This is a DGRNOPS activity.

Please be advised that I have a staff officer – [REDACTED] s47E(c)

Regards,

Tony Bull
Air Commodore
Director General
Cadet Branch – Air Force (CB-AF)
Air Force Headquarters

Cadets Branch – Air Force | [REDACTED] s47E(c)
Mobile s22 Brindabella Business Park, ACT 2600 | Direct Number: [REDACTED] s47E(c)



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From: [REDACTED] s47F
Sent: Friday, 10 July 2026 12:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] s47F
[REDACTED] s47E(c) [REDACTED] s47F [REDACTED] s47E(c)
[REDACTED] s47E(d) [REDACTED] s47F
Subject: Re: ADFCadets: Activity cancelled - 89514: GNDOPS | Outbound International Exchange (IACE) 2026 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning

Please be advised I endorse both activities to go ahead as approved.

DG sir

We will also need your approval to allow [REDACTED] s47E(c) to manage the cancellation of activity.

If you could approved next weeks before end of day that will save some issues.

Thanks

[REDACTED] s47F

Regards

[REDACTED] s47F

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From:

Sent: Friday, 10 July 2026 06:56:04

S47F(c)

To:

S47F

Subject: Fw: ADFCadets: Activity cancelled - 89514: GNDOPS | Outbound International Exchange (IACE) 2026 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good Morning Sirs,

The IACE Outbound activity cancelled overnight due to not being approved by COS or the DG in time. It appears they have had the task for a week, since 2 July. Inbound is in the same situation and will cancel tonight if not approved.

CDR-AAFC advised last night that COS is on leave and cannot access CEA.

We urgently need [REDACTED] to reactivate the activity and redirect the tasking. We are scheduled to officially commence today with AAFC host staff pre-positioning vehicles / rations etc. Cadets arrive Sunday.

It's critical that this is resolved today.

Thanks for your assistance,

s47F

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From: [REDACTED] s47F
Sent: Friday, 10 July 2026 06:00:31
To: [REDACTED] s47F
Subject: ADFCadets: Activity cancelled - 89514: GNDOPS | Outbound International Exchange (IACE) 2026 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Please be advised that this activity proposal was not approved in time and has been **cancelled**.

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23 JUNE 2026



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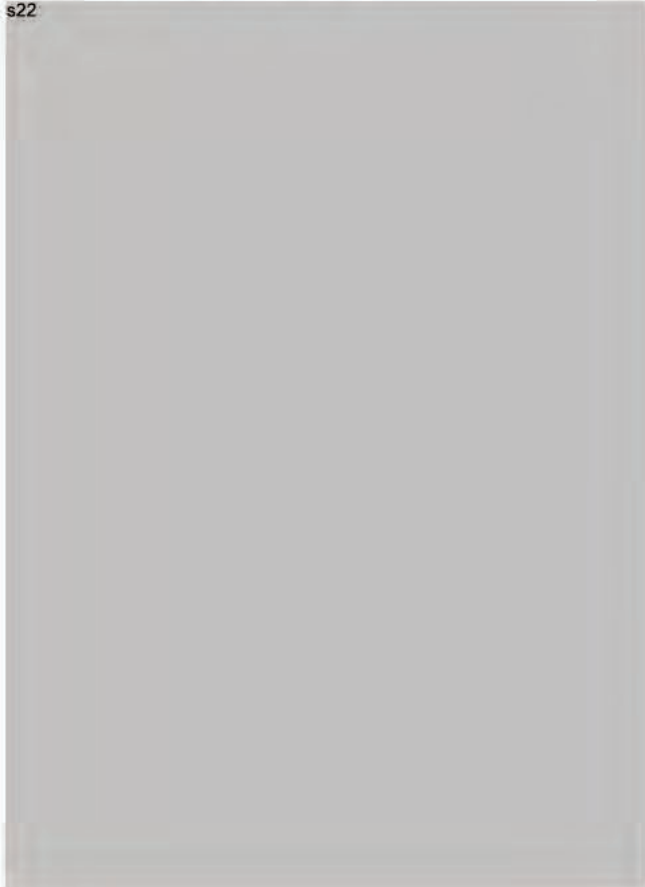
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**AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF CB-AF NATIONAL HQ WEEKLY MEETING TO
BE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM ^{s47E(c)}
AT 1400, ON 23 JUNE 26**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CB-AF NATIONAL HQ WEEKLY MEETING,
ON MATTERS ARISING,
HELD AT ^{s47E(c)} ON 23 JUN 26.**

Attendees:

AIRCDRE A Bnll

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s47E(c)

Director General Cadets Branch-Air Force

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Apologies:

AVM K Oslev

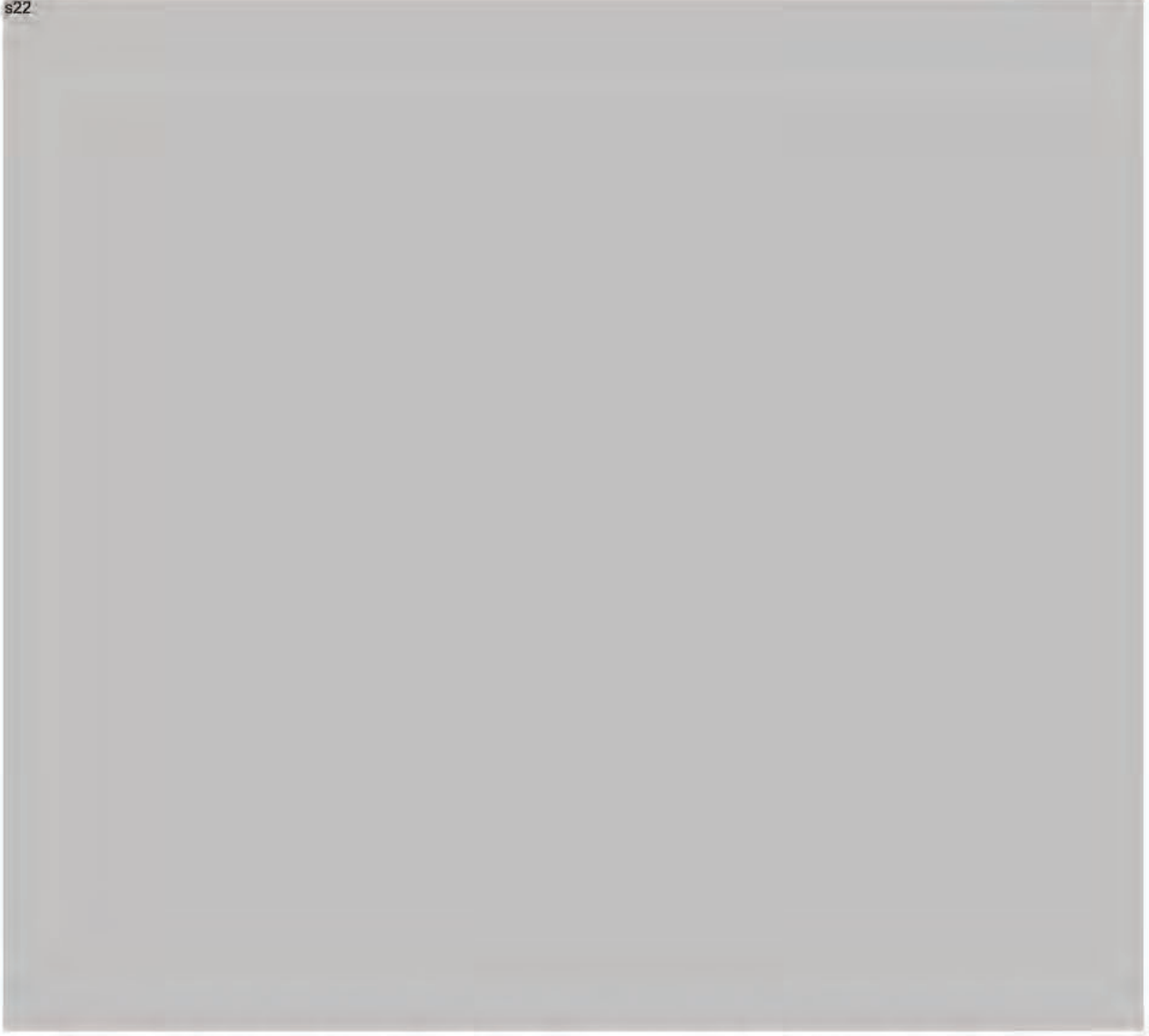
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12. The AAFC Foundation has paid the additional travel costs for IACE to fly through Europe and not Dubai. s22



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