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**Subject:** Matter of Cadet CJE & LAC Chris ADAMS matters - 12mths!  
**Importance:** High

Dear Jacqueline,

Its now just passed 12mths since information has been laid on LAC Chris ADAMS. I am aware that Maitland Detectives have laid 5charges against ADAMS at Maitland Local Court in May 2014, and he appeared,pleaded not guilty and now the matter is being set down for a hearing a date to be fixed. I believe the victim is a civil person under 17 yrs of age.

Some weeks ago, I was in touch with Detective Sergeant Brent Fletcher at Wagga Wagga Detectives, who was awaiting information from the DPP on the extend of charges to be laid on ADAMS for CJE 's matter.

I am going to be blunt. If it wasn't for me driving this matter, ADAMS would get away with 'murder'. The amount of stress, anguish and heart ache this matter is causing me personally is indescribable. The counselling sessions do help a little, but I am so angry and anxious to get this person (saying it nicely) locked up.

This brings me to a number of other matters to which I strongly believe the AAFC has neglectfully let go.

I am demanded a Full Inquiry and a Full Review of:

1. Policies and Procedures in which both AAFC and ADF treat these types of incidents and complaints. The time lapsed from the initial complaint to AAFC Head Office to a Complaint being laid to the NSW Police was disgusting, unthoughtful, and unprofessional. The amateurish initial investigation on such a serious matter can not be justified, neither the actions or inactions of OIC HANDCOCK at AAFC Headquarters.
2. Police and Procedures for support of victims. I have voiced my strongest complaint before when I received a letter from AAFC/yourself stating that my husband, CJE 's step father could not continue psychological support as he was not direct family – again this was disgusting and adds to the hate and anguish I am going through.
3. Policies and Procedures for alleged perpetrators – here we have over 12 mths since the initial complaint was made about LAC ADAMS. He is still active in the ADF, and although he has 'resigned' from AAFC and allegedly being supervised so he can not be near persons under 18 yrs, surely this breaches the ADF's Polices/Procedures to alledged offenders being near junior females or others. What security does ADF offer other females who work in and around him and 'if' they were assaulted what negligence would you be up for then?
4. Policies and Procedures Providing a safe and healthy workplace – this matter has opened a can of worms in the terms of the duty of care for officers in charge of AAFC and ADF when it comes to screenpersons working with children. I am fully for the AAFC and the career coaching for junior kids, but this event has mentally scarred me as to trusting adults looking after kids on their own. The vulnerabilities and exposure of one event can potentially harm future events of AAFC etc.

I ask if you can advise me what the next undertaking of ADF and AAFC is on this matter and other. As serious as this is, I truly believe it is in the interest that AAFC in a smart manner,

advise current cadets that a number of investigations are under way as a result of incidents occurring at Wagga Wagga in 2013. Like investigating Police Officers have commented to me – there are more victims out there and they need to come forward.

I also request a File Reference Number into this matter.

I notice on a website by ADF, that the latest ADAMS court matter had not been briefed to the Minister? Is there any reason why? -

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HIB No	Group	Date	Document Description
1183	Air Force	May 21, 2014	Air Force member charged with aggravated assault
1182	DSTO	May 19, 2014	Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) employee arrested - alleged criminal activity
1181	Navy	May 15, 2014	Navy member arrested and charged with civil offences
1180	Navy	May 15, 2014	Navy member arrested and charged with civil offences
1179	Army	May 14, 2014	Army member charged in relation to an alleged sexual assault
1178	DSTO	May 12, 2014	Media enquiry concerning DSTO research position
1177	Navy	May 5, 2014	Navy member arrested and charged with civil offences
1176	Army	Apr 8, 2014	Challan aircraft Captain reported armed personnel at RAAF Williamtown
1175	Navy	Mar 27, 2014	Death of a Navy member
1174	Army	Apr 27, 2014	Alleged sexual misconduct/offence
1173	Army	Apr 25, 2014	Army member found deceased
1172	Army	Apr 25, 2014	Army member charged with two counts of assault
1171	CJOPS	Apr 22, 2014	C-130 incident at Kabul International Airport - 24 April 2014
1170	Army	Apr 21, 2014	Army member charged with serious offence
1169	Army	Apr 20, 2014	Army member killed in motorcycle accident
1168	Navy	Apr 11, 2014	Allegations of unacceptable behaviour by ADF members on a Defence Establishment
1167	DSTO	Apr 11, 2014	Chemical reaction causing smoke at DSTO Fisherman's Bend
1166	Air Force	Apr 10, 2014	Air Force member charged with sexual intercourse with child 16-18 under special care

Looking forward to a positive response.

CJO