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- a) **The Prime Minister's National Security Statement in December 2008 foreshadowed the formation of a National Security College. What progress has been made towards its establishment?**
- b) **What consideration has been given as to where the college will be located?**
- c) **How much is the establishment of the college expected to cost?**
- d) **What consideration has been made about the curriculum of the College and who will train within the college?**
- e) **Will the College involve partnerships with other educational facilities such as the ANU, the Australian Defence College in Canberra and the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence in Queanbeyan?**

Answer:

- a) The Prime Minister, during his delivery of the *Annual Burgmann College Lecture* at the Australian National University (ANU) on 27 August 2009, announced the Australian Government's intention to establish a strategic relationship with the ANU. A key pillar of this strategic relationship will be the creation of a National Security College (the College) at the ANU. Preliminary discussions have commenced between PM&C and ANU about the establishment of the College.
- b) It is proposed that the National Security College be located at the ANU.
- c) A detailed proposal is being developed; costings have not yet been finalised.
- d) It is anticipated that the College will deliver a continuum of development programs to meet the needs of national security professionals at different times during their career including the National Security Executive Development Program (NSEDG). The College will offer courses to national security officials from Commonwealth, State and Territory governments, with a view to broadening over time to include counterparts in the private sector, academia and the non-government sector.
- e) It is anticipated that the College will establish links with Australian and international counterpart schools and institutions.