

New Red Crystal emblem—medical and dental treatment for ADF members—Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap

The Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade is conducting an inquiry into the provisions of the Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008.

The bill addresses three distinct policy measures. The purpose is to recognise a third universal emblem called a 'Red Crystal' for the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement; to enable the making of regulations covering the provision of medical and dental treatment to an ADF member or family member; and to provide that the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap is a special Defence undertaking and a prohibited area.

The committee is to report by 20 February 2009. The closing date for submissions is 30 January 2009. Submissions can be emailed to fadt.sen@aph.gov.au

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