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NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- A grass fire broke out in the North West corner on the Puckapunyal Training Area, burning an approximate area of 100m x 800m.
- A Transfield contracted fire crew responding in a fire tender became bogged in the path of the fire. The crew undertook self protection measures and called for support. The fire burnt past the truck causing no injury to the crew or damage to the vehicle.
- Additional fire fighting assets were deployed by the contractor to recover the truck and contain the fire.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- The incident commenced at approximately 15:30 on 27 November.
- The fire was contained at approximately 16:05 on 27 November.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- A quick assessment of the incident will be conducted.
- Fire crews have contained the fire.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Fire fighting services on Puckapunyal are provided by Transfield Services under contract.
- Fire ignition was from smoke canisters dropped by RAAF PC-9 as part of a Combined Arms Training Centre Joint Fires Wing training activity. The canisters were dropped within the target area.
- The use of these munitions was permissible within the local Fire Danger Rating issued by the Country Fire Authority for day of the activity.

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