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What was the cost to the ADF of exercise Tandem Thrust?

The cost of exercise Tandem Thrust was $141m.

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How many ADF personnel were injured during Exercise Tandem Thrust and what was the nature of the injuries?

During Tandem Thrust, 99 incidences of injury and 51 incidences of various illness were recorded.

The health surveillance data do not differentiate where an individual may present for treatment of more than a single injury or illness. Therefore, the 99 incidences of injury and the 51 cases of illness do not necessarily represent the number of ADF personnel who required treatment for injury or illness.

Injuries

Type of Injury	Occurrences
Head, Neck and Facial Injuries	21
Chest and Abdominal Injuries	4
Back Injuries & Conditions	19
Lower Limb and Hip Injuries/Pain	39
Upper Limb and Shoulder Injuries	16
Total Injuries	**99**

Other Illnesses and Conditions

Ear, Nose and Throat Infections	3
Respiratory Illness	4
Viral Illnesses/Fever	4
Gastro-intestinal Conditions	4
Reproductive/Urological Conditions	5
Skin/Soft Tissue Infections	5
Psychiatric/Psychological/ Neurological Conditions	7
Other	4
Diagnosis Unknown	15
Total Illnesses and Other Conditions	**51**

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Please provide a list of equipment that was damaged, lost or worn out as a result of exercise Tandem Thrust.

A list of equipment that was damaged, lost or worn out as a result of exercise Tandem Thrust is attached. The cost has been assessed at $1,277,000.

The data has been drawn from a variety of sources: loss and damage registers, workshop non–fair–wear registers, stocktake results, routine inquiry reports and investigation reports. Some data may not have been captured as damage or non–fair–wear repairs related to Tandem Thrust, but rather being part of a broader maintenance program.