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Sent: Wednesday, 10 February 2010 11:18 am
To: NADRAC
Cc: WALLACE,Chris.J; WITHERS,Peta
Subject: RE: Request for Written Submissions for a Model Dispute Management Plan for Government Agencies [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Serena,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide submissions regarding the Model Dispute Management Plan for Government Agencies.

The Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) is an independent Statutory Authority, operating under Section 58F - 58Y of the *Defence Act 1903* (the Act).

The functions of the Tribunal are set out in section 58H of the Act as follows:

"(a) inquire into and determine the salaries and relevant allowances to be paid to members; and

(b) inquire into and make determinations in respect of prescribed matters that have been referred to the Tribunal".

The main parties in matters before the Tribunal are the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Commonwealth. Further, Section 58K sub clause 9 of the Act provides:

"The Defence Force Advocate and a person representing the Commonwealth are entitled to be present, and to make submissions to the Tribunal, during any proceedings before the Tribunal". With the ADF and Commonwealth represented during any proceedings before the Tribunal, we would seek an exemption to be included in the submissions for the Model Dispute Management Plan for Government Agencies.

Please feel free to call me at the details below if you wish to discuss the matter further.

Kind regards

Jason Window

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