

Minute

From: 8564865, LAC C. Adams, Fire Fighter

To: OC 96WG (GPCAPT TYLER)

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO CONTINUE CURRENT
SUSPENSION FROM DUTY WITH POSSIBLE CHANGE TO
REMUNERATION STATUS - LAC C ADAMS 8564865 17SQN**

References:

- A. 96WG / M3090313
- B. Payslip – 8564865 – Chris Adams – 24SEP2015

1. In response to the intention to continue my suspension and possibly change my remuneration status, I have prepared the following to outline reasons for and against.

2. I have pleaded guilty to a number of charges as part of a plea bargain that was struck between the Crown and my Barrister/Myself. I have entered pleas of guilty as to ensure I am not sent to prison as a result of the accusations made against me. I acknowledge that the behaviour I have plead guilty to is not in line with Air Force Values and the high standards expected. Given the position I have been placed in I have no choice but to agree with the “facts” that have been compiled by the Crown.

3. In response to Reference A, para 6, part a. I acknowledge your decision to continue my suspension and do not have any reason why I should return to the workplace.

4. In response to Reference A, para 6, part b. Whilst on suspension I request that I continue to receive remuneration either wholly or partially to ensure my family and I can continue to live in Katherine until a decision is made regarding my employment continuing.

5. In response to Reference A, para 6, part c. My wife is currently employed part time in her field of study which results in a great reliance on my pay from Defence. If we were able to receive remuneration in part, then I would potentially be able to gain some form of employment in Katherine. However, given the opinions of some members of the local community, gaining employment may prove difficult. I have been suspended or ordered to resign from the extra-curricular activities that I have been volunteering with over the past 18 months since you first suspended me. This was as a result of the news articles that stated a multitude of false statements of which I have had no control over.

6. The following is a list of bills and expenses that we currently have to cover.

<u>Expense (Fortnightly)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Rent + water (taken from pay prior to deposit in bank)	\$518.16
My Vehicle (Salary sacrifice - taken from pay prior to deposit in bank)	\$727.06
ADCU Loan (taken from pay prior to deposit in bank)	\$150
My wife's vehicle repayments including insurance	\$261
Fuel	\$60
Power	\$70.60 approx
Wife's Studies	\$230.70
Phone and Internet (Contact with Wife's Family overseas)	\$51.70
Food (including medication)	\$320 approx
Personal Loan for Lawyers	\$228
Wedding Ring Repayments	\$152
Total (including amounts prior to bank deposit)	\$2769.22

7. My deposited income according to Reference B is \$939.99 per fortnight. My wife's income is \$1257.33, totalling \$2197.32 per fortnight. As you can see after all the bills (\$1374) are paid we are left with \$823.32 to spend on social, fitness and wellbeing activities. This includes extra fuel to drive to Darwin and accommodate ourselves there occasionally. If you were to discontinue whole it would be detrimental to our ability to sustain ourselves in Katherine. If we were to receive part remuneration then it would be difficult to maintain ourselves in Katherine.

8. I have attached a copy of my pay slip for your viewing.

9. If there are any questions regarding my response to Reference A, please contact me on the details provided below or through my chain of command.

Regards



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