



DEFENCE ABUSE RESPONSE TASKFORCE

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Mr David Sparreboom
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By e-mail: REDACTED

Dear Mr Sparreboom

Final assessment of your Application for Reparation Payment under the Defence Abuse Reparation Scheme

As the independent Reparation Payments Assessor under the Defence Abuse Reparation Scheme, I am responsible for assessing your Application for Reparation Payment.

My final assessment

I have considered your personal account of abuse in Defence, and all other information available to me, and on this basis I have made my final assessment that you qualify for a Reparation Payment of \$50 000.

In making my final assessment:

- a. I have applied the test of plausibility, which means I have considered whether your allegations of abuse have the appearance of reasonableness, and I am satisfied that you suffered abuse at the Army Apprentice School Balcombe, Victoria, that the abuse included abuse of a sexual nature, physical abuse and bullying and harassment, and that this abuse qualifies you for a *Category 4 (Abuse)* payment of \$45 000; and
- b. I have applied the test of plausibility as to whether there was mismanagement by Defence in relation to this abuse, and I am satisfied that you qualify for the *Category 5 (Mismanagement by Defence)* payment of \$5 000.

My final assessment is not able to be appealed or internally reviewed. Information about the Defence Abuse Reparation Scheme is available on the Taskforce website at <http://www.defenceabusetaskforce.gov.au/>. If you do not have access to the website, your Case Coordinator will be happy to provide you with copies on request.

Receiving your Reparation Payment

Reparation Payments are made via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). As you have made your Application for Reparation Payment through a legal representative, your Reparation Payment can be paid to you via your legal representative if you have signed an Authority to Receive which authorises your legal representative to receive your Reparation Payment into their trust account on your behalf.

In order that the Taskforce may arrange for your Reparation Payment to be paid to your legal representative, the **attached** *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Request Form* will need to be completed by your legal representative and provided to the Taskforce, together with a copy of the signed Authority to Receive.

These documents can be provided to the Taskforce by emailing them to your Case Coordinator at DARTcoord@ag.gov.au, or by posting them to:

Defence Abuse Response Taskforce
PO Box 6010
KINGSTON ACT 2604

Your Reparation Payment will be paid within 28 days of the Taskforce receiving both the completed EFT form and the Authority to Receive.

If you do not wish your Reparation Payment to be paid via your legal representative you will need to complete a different EFT form. If so, or if you have any other questions about this letter or the process of receiving your Reparation Payment, please contact your Case Coordinator, Dana, on (02) 6141 4550.

Yours sincerely

Ms Robyn Kruk AM
Reparation Payments Assessor
Defence Abuse Response Taskforce

Attachment:

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Request Form (Legal Representative)