

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my concern at the proposal to have the President of the ACTU nominate three representatives to the Board of the CSC and yet the CDF can only nominate two representatives plus the Minister for Finance can nominate a further five representatives. Mr Tanner has a standard letter that he forwards to each DFRB/DFRDB recipient who dares to suggest that ex-service personnel have not been given a fair go and this letter plus his comments on the recent TV show Q&A clearly showed his bias. I believe this Board can be stacked in such a way that "the unique nature of military service" will never be considered.

What is the "Unique nature of military service? Well how about the following;

- 1 Posting turbulence. In my 33 years of service I had 18 different postings, I didn't ask for them I was told to pack my bags and go.
- 2 Changing married quarters. I lived in 14 different married quarters
- 3 Children's education. My children changed state education systems on five occasions
- 4 Operational postings. I served in SVN and those that have not served on active operations could not imagine what it does to you.
- 5 Separation. Regular separation from family due to service requirements
- 6 Purchasing a home. This was difficult due to posting turbulence.

In my opinion the combining of the various schemes may have some merit but also some hidden agenda. The military component is entitled to a much fairer representation.

If the Government wants to change the system then it will happen and they have done this on several occasions, this will be the fourth major change since 1972. One may ask why so many changes and one may surmise because they have never solved the perceived problems due to a lack of detailed research.

For god's sake get it right [this time](#)

I support the letter written by Brig Neil Weeks.

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