



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Senate committee planning further hearings for its inquiry into the use of anti-malarial drugs in the ADF

The Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee is inquiring into the use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force.

The committee now has a full complement of members, and is planning further public hearings to receive evidence from more veterans, government departments and medical professionals.

The hearings will be held in Canberra and Melbourne. The hearing dates will be published on the inquiry webpage once they are finalised.

Public committee hearings are broadcast live on the internet at:

www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

A written transcript of each hearing is published on the webpage:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Mefloquine/Public_Hearings

If you wish to make a submission to the inquiry, please contact the committee secretariat on +61 2 6277 3535 or via email at fadt.sen@aph.gov.au. You may request the committee receive your submission confidentially.

People affected by this inquiry, or seeking assistance with making submissions to this inquiry, can contact the dedicated Department of Veterans' Affairs Mefloquine phone line (1800 633 567) and speak to an experienced DVA case officer.

The committee recognises this inquiry deals with matters that are distressing for some people. If you are seeking support, please contact:

- the [Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service](#) on 1800 011 046;
- [Lifeline](#) on 13 11 14; or
- [MensLine](#) on 1300 78 99 78.

DATE REFERRED

19 June 2018

REPORTING DATE

29 November 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Senator Alex Gallacher
(Chair)

Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz
(Deputy Chair)

Senator Kimberley Kitching
Senator the Hon. James
McGrath

Senator Rex Patrick
Senator Claire Moore

CONTACT THE COMMITTEE

Senate Foreign
Affairs, Defence and
Trade Committee

PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Phone: +61 2 6277
3535

Fax: +61 2 6277 5818
fadt.sen@aph.gov.au

Making a submission

Written submissions can still be provided to the committee by emailing fadt.sen@aph.gov.au

If you would like to make a submission you may find it helpful to read the guide to making a submission available on the Senate website: [Preparing a submission to an inquiry](#)

If you have questions, or need more time to write your submission, contact the secretariat.

Further information about the inquiry, including published submissions and hearing programs, is available on the committee website:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade

Inquiry Terms of Reference

The use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), with particular reference to:

- (a) the current and past policies and practices for:
 - (i) prescribing Quinoline anti-malarial drugs to ADF personnel, and
 - (ii) identifying and reporting adverse drug reactions from Quinoline anti-malarial drugs among ADF personnel;
- (b) the nature and extent of any adverse health effects of those who have taken Mefloquine/Tafenoquine on serving and former ADF personnel;
- (c) the support available for partners, carers and families of personnel who experience any adverse health effects of Quinoline anti-malarial drugs;
- (d) a comparison of international evidence/literature available on the impact of Quinoline anti-malarials;
- (e) how other governments have responded to claims regarding Quinoline anti-malarials; and
- (f) any other related matters.