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**INQUIRY INTO THE ASPECTS OF THE VETERANS' ENTITLEMENT ACT
1986 AND THE MILITARY COMPENSATION SCHEME**

DEAR SIR

DURING MY ARMY SERVICE IN 1984 I WISH TO ADVISE THAT I RECEIVED A LUMP SUM COMPENSATION CLAIM UNDER THE ADVICE OF THE LIAISON OFFICER OF MY UNIT AT THAT TIME.

THE AMOUNT OF THIS LUMP SUM PAYMENT WAS \$2983.52 FOR WHICH I AM CURRENTLY REPAYING THE AMOUNT OF \$6.57 PER FORTNIGHT WHICH IS BEING AUTOMATICALLY DEDUCTED FROM MY DVA PENSION. I HAVE BEEN MAKING THESE REPAYMENTS FOR THE LAST 19 YEARS AND REALISE THAT THIS REPAYMENT FIGURE HAS CHANGED OVER THAT TIME BUT SURELY THE AMOUNT IN QUESTION HAS BEEN REPAID IN FULL.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TURN OUR VETERANS REPAYMENT OBLIGATION INTO A REVENUE COLLECTION EXERCISE. ONCE OUR LUMP SUM PAYMENT HAS BEEN REPAID IN FULL WE SHOULD NOT BE PENALISED FURTHER AND OUR PENSION SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY IN ORDER FOR US TO RECEIVE OUR FULL ENTITLEMENT.

HAVING SERVED MY COUNTRY WITHOUT QUESTION DURING WAR AND PEACE I FEEL THIS SITUATION IS UNJUST AND A SLAP IN THE FACE TO ALL VETERANS FOR THE SERVICE THEY HAVE GIVEN. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE LOOKING AFTER THOSE THAT LOOKED AFTER THEM AND I HOPE THE SENATE COMMITTEE WILL RECTIFY THIS.

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS MATTER.

YOURS SINCERELY

PETER BUDWORTH
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