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Dear Mr Hislop

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the accuracy of information provided to Defence Force Retirement and Death benefits (DFRDB) scheme members.

I apologise for the delay in responding to your correspondence. I wish to assure you that this matter is being approached very seriously and diligently.

As you know, this matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee following the Commonwealth Ombudsman's investigation into the administration of the DFRDB scheme, and subsequent report of December 2019.

On 18 March 2021 the Senate referred the "Accuracy of information provided to Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) members" to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References committee for inquiry.

The final report was released on 2 July 2021.

The Department of Defence is currently reviewing the recommendations included in the report and will be providing me with advice on the matter in the near future.

I will update you again as I continue to progress this review process.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW GEE

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