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4 January 2019

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATIONS UNDER SECTION 196G OF THE  
*VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986***

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) wishes to advise that four notices of investigation under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* are expected to appear in the Government Notices Gazette of 8 January 2019. A copy of each notice is attached.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission to the Authority can use its website <http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/> to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to [info@rma.gov.au](mailto:info@rma.gov.au) or posted to the address above. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address, and by the due date, contained in the notice. The Investigation Notices also advise the date the Authority will hold its first meeting for the purpose of these investigations.

If you have any queries, I may be contacted on telephone (07) 3815 9407.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Enders'.

Tracey Enders  
Deputy Registrar  
Repatriation Medical Authority

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NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Section 196G of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) that it intends to carry out an investigation pursuant to subsection 196B(4) of the VEA to find out whether Statements of Principles may be determined in respect of **monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)**.

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the VEA;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **9 April 2019**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is information available about how **monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)** may occur, and the extent to which **monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)** or death from **monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)** may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death. Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website <http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/> to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to [info@rma.gov.au](mailto:info@rma.gov.au) or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the address, telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than **18 March 2019**.

The Common Seal of the  
Repatriation Medical Authority  
was affixed at the direction of:

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO ★  
CHAIRPERSON



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### *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) that, pursuant to subsection 196B(7A) of the VEA, it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of **firefighting** as a factor in **malignant melanoma of the skin**.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 102 & 103 of 2015 concerning **malignant melanoma of the skin**.

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the VEA;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
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This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 63 & 64 of 2013 concerning **hypertension**.

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the VEA;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
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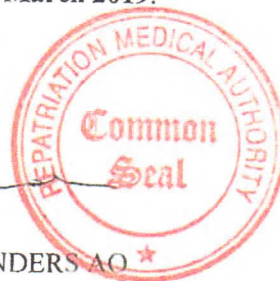
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This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 9 & 10 of 2012 concerning **aortic aneurysm**.

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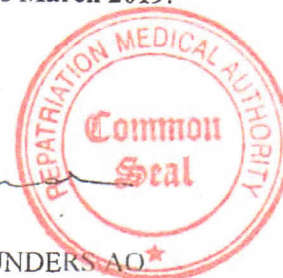
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