

27 September 2018

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**RE:                   – William Ludwig KRAUSE**

Enclosure 1 is a certified copy of a DFRDB Authority letter dated 31 March 1987 which outlines the retirement pay entitlement following my retirement from the Australian Defence Force on 13 February 1987.

Enclosure 2 is a copy of page 1 of the DFRDB letter dated 22 June 2018 advising of a 1.5% increase effective on payday 05 July 2018.

Because I elected to commute a portion of my retirement pay effective 16 February 1987, paragraph 3 of Encl 1 states my retirement pay entitlement will be reduced from \$11478.74 pa to \$10084.96 pa commencing on 09 April 1987. It then goes on to read that my fortnightly payment thereafter will amount to \$386.82. This is an error because 26 payments @ \$386.82 equals \$10057.32 pa. This is a shortfall of \$27.64 pa or \$1.09 per fortnight plus indexation.

Has this error continued throughout my payment history from 14 February 1987 to date? How will this shortfall be rectified?

As stated in Paragraph 3 of Encl 1 my retirement pay was reduced from \$11478.74 pa to \$10084.96 pa from 09 April 1987. This is a reduction of \$1393.96 pa or \$53.60 per fortnight. This is a direct debit for the repayment of my commutation lump sum of \$48210.71. If the direct debit \$53.60 per fortnight has remained constant and not subject to any changes there would need to be 899.45 repayments made to repay the commutation amount of \$48210.71.

Has the direct debit for my notional repayment been maintained at \$53.60 per fortnight since 14 February 1987 to date?

Enclosure 2 states my **Gross Fortnightly Pension is \$1012.04**. The figure as stated is not my **Gross Fortnightly Pension** and not the total amount of my pension. The amount (\$1012.04) does not include the funds allocated to the direct debit for the repayment of my commutation lump sum. The figure \$1012.04 is in fact my **Net Fortnightly Pension** after the deduction of the direct debit amount for commutation lump sum repayment.

What is the correct amount of my **Gross Fortnightly Pension**?

My Australian Defence Service details are as follows:

Your early response to these matters would be appreciated.

William L. Krause, JP(Qual)

Enclosures:

1. DFRDB Authority letter dated 31 March 1987
2. Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation letter dated 22 June 2018