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Dear Mr Cornall,

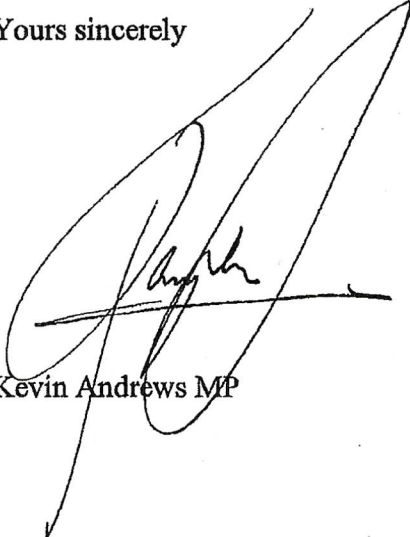
Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 March 2015 regarding incarcerated complainants. We regret the delay in responding to you.

We note the Attorney-General's letter to the Taskforce of 24 October 2014 stating: "*I understand the Minister for Defence has informally advised you that, at this stage, he does not want reparation payments made to DART complainants who are incarcerated. I agree with that decision.*"

We remain of the view that the Taskforce should not make repatriation payments to any incarcerated complainants. We are also of the view that payments should not be made to persons currently on parole following their incarceration.

If you require any additional information, please contact Mr Nick Demiris, Senior Adviser to the Minister for Defence on (02) 6277 7800 or Miss Stephanie Elliott, Adviser to the Minister for Justice on (02) 6277 7290.

Yours sincerely



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