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Dear Mr Ellerbock

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2024 to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, the Hon Richard Marles MP and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel, the Hon Matt Keogh MP, regarding the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) scheme. Your correspondence has been referred to me for response.

While I acknowledge the concerns raised by Australian Defence Force Retirees Association Inc. (ADFRA), the Australian Government considers the DFRDB scheme to be operating in the manner intended. As such, there are no plans to make further changes or conduct further reviews of the scheme at this time.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fiona McSpeerin'.

Ms Fiona McSpeerin
First Assistant Secretary
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20 November 2024