Specialist Medical Review Council

Declaration

Section 196W
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

Re: Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004
In Respect of Neoplasm of the Pituitary Gland
Matter Nos. 2007/1
Requests for Review Declaration No. 13

In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 in respect of neoplasm of the pituitary gland and death from neoplasm of the pituitary gland, made under subsection 196B (2) of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARED that it is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend the Statement of Principles to include the factors set out below;

DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 by excising the factor (at 5. (a)):

'for ACTH secreting pituitary adenomas only, undergoing Bilateral Adrenalectomy within the ten years before the clinical onset of neoplasm of the pituitary gland; or'

FURTHER DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 by excising the factor (at 5. (b)):

'for ACTH secreting pituitary adenomas only, undergoing Bilateral Adrenalectomy within the ten years before the clinical worsening of neoplasm of the pituitary gland; or'

and replace it by inserting:

'for ACTH secreting pituitary adenomas only, undergoing Bilateral
Adrenalectomy before the clinical worsening of neoplasm of the pituitary gland; or

FURTHER DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 by making any consequential amendments to paragraph 6 to identify the 'Factors that apply only to material contribution or aggravation'.

DECLARRES that it is of the view that the sound medical-scientific evidence is insufficient to justify any amendment of the Statement of Principles to include as a factor exposure to:

'Biological and Chemical Warfare' and 'Nerve Agents'

or any other factor.

The Convener
Charles Stuart Guest

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The Common Seal of the Specialist Medical Review Council was affixed to this document by authority of the Council in the presence of:

Jan Bowman
Acting Registrar

Dated this 25 day of February 2010

The Council's Reasons for Decisions in relation to this Declaration can be obtained on request by writing to the Specialist Medical Review Council Secretariat, PO Box 895, Woden ACT 2606 or by telephoning (03) 6284 6784.