

**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, pursuant to subsection 196B(7A) of the VEA, it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of the following:

The definition of the term "cumulative equivalent dose" referred to in the ionising radiation factor in theStatements of Principles for the kinds of injury, disease or death listed in **Schedule 1** below.

**Submissions**

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to provide comments or make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the review:

 a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;

 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.

**First Meeting**

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **4 April 2017**.

**Contact Details**

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website [www.rma.gov.au/investigations/] to electronicallylodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to info@rma.gov.au or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. TheRMA Secretariat may be contacted at the telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **17 March 2017**.

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| The Common Seal of the )Repatriation Medical Authority )was affixed at the direction of: ) |  |
|  | PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO CHAIRPERSON 8 / 2 /2017 |

**Schedule 1**

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| **Statement of Principles** | **Instrument No.** | **Ionising Radiation Factor No.** | **Definition of "cumulative equivalent dose" reference** |
| acoustic neuroma | 29 of 2011 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| acoustic neuroma | 30 of 2011 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| acquired cataract | 87 of 2016 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| acquired cataract | 88 of 2016 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| acute lymphoblastic leukaemia | 75 of 2012, as amended | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| acute lymphoblastic leukaemia | 76 of 2012 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| acute myeloid leukaemia | 71 of 2015, as amended | 9(4) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| acute myeloid leukaemia | 72 of 2015, as amended | 9(4) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| adenocarcinoma of the kidney | 9 of 2013 | 6(l) | Paragraph 9 |
| adenocarcinoma of the kidney | 10 of 2013 | 6(f) | Paragraph 9 |
| Alzheimer-type dementia | 22 of 2010, as amended  | 6(jb) | Paragraph 9 |
| angle-closure glaucoma | 25 of 2012 | 6(i) & 6(r) | Paragraph 9 |
| angle-closure glaucoma | 26 of 2012 | 6(i) & 6(r) | Paragraph 9 |
| aortic stenosis | 21 of 2013 | 6(c) & 6(n) | Paragraph 9 |
| aortic stenosis | 22 of 2013 | 6(c) & 6(j) | Paragraph 9 |
| atherosclerotic peripheral vascular disease | 23 2012 | 6(g) & 6(q) | Paragraph 9 |
| atherosclerotic peripheral vascular disease | 24 of 2012 | 6(g) & 6(o) | Paragraph 9 |
| benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa | 41 of 2016 | 9(3) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa | 42 of 2016 | 9(2) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| cardiomyopathy | 85 of 2015 | 9(24) & 9(55) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| cardiomyopathy | 86 of 2015 | 9(21) & 9(49) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| carotid arterial disease | 37 of 2012 | 6(i) & 6(aa) | Paragraph 9 |
| carotid arterial disease | 38 of 2012 | 6(h) & 6(w) | Paragraph 9 |
| cerebral meningioma | 19 of 2009, as amended | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| cerebral meningioma | 20 of 2009, as amended | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| cerebrovascular accident | 65 of 2015 | 6(pp)(xv) | Paragraph 9 |
| cerebrovascular accident | 66 of 2015 | 6(ff)(xv) | Paragraph 9 |
| chronic gastritis and chronic gastropathy | 25 of 2013 | 6(b)(vi) & 6(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| chronic gastritis and chronic gastropathy | 26 of 2013 | 6(b)(vi) & 6(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| chronic myeloid leukaemia | 47 of 2014 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| chronic myeloid leukaemia | 48 of 2014 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| chronic pancreatitis | 104 of 2011 | 6(c) | Paragraph 9 |
| chronic pancreatitis | 105 of 2011 | 6(c) | Paragraph 9 |
| cirrhosis of the liver | 1 of 2017 | 9(3) & 9(30) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| erectile dysfunction | 43 of 2013 | 6(g) & 6(aa) | Paragraph 9 |
| erectile dysfunction | 44 of 2013 | 6(g) & 6(z) | Paragraph 9 |
| external burn | 110 of 2015 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| external burn | 111 of 2015 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| fibrosing interstitial lung disease | 53 of 2013 | 6(n) & 6(jj) | Paragraph 9 |
| fibrosing interstitial lung disease | 54 of 2013 | 6(n) & 6(jj) | Paragraph 9 |
| gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer | 61 of 2015 | 6(l) & 6(ff) | Paragraph 9 |
| gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer | 62 of 2015 | 6(j) & 6(v) | Paragraph 9 |
| goitre | 23 of 2013 | 6(i)(i) & 6(s)(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| goitre | 24 of 2013 | 6(i)(i) & 6(r)(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| Graves' disease | 33 of 2013 | 6(d) & 6(k) | Paragraph 9 |
| Graves' disease | 34 of 2013 | 6(d) & 6(k) | Paragraph 9 |
| Hashimoto's thyroiditis | 31 of 2013 | 6(d) & 6(j) | Paragraph 9 |
| Hashimoto's thyroiditis | 32 of 2013 | 6(d) & 6(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| heart block | 1 of 2014 | 6(o) & 6(jj) | Paragraph 9 |
| heart block | 2 of 2014 | 6(o) & 6(ii) | Paragraph 9 |
| hypothyroidism | 29 of 2013 | 6(h) & 6w) | Paragraph 9 |
| hypothyroidism | 30 of 2013 | 6(h) & 6(v) | Paragraph 9 |
| ischaemic heart disease | 1 of 2016 | 9(17) & 9(60) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| ischaemic heart disease | 2 of 2016 | 9(15) & 9(48) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the bile duct | 69 of 2015 | 6(e) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the bile duct | 70 of 2015 | 6(e) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the bladder | 96 of 2011 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the bladder | 97 of 2011 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage | 106 of 2011 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage | 107 of 2011 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the brain | 85 of 2016 | 9(1) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the brain | 86 of 2016 | 9(1) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the breast | 96 of 2014 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the breast | 97 of 2014 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges | 21 of 2009, as amended | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges | 22 of 2009, as amended | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the colorectum | 37 of 2013 | 6(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the colorectum | 38 of 2013 | 6(g) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the endometrium | 11 of 2016 | 9(12) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the endometrium | 12 of 2016 | 9(11) | Schedule 1 - Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder | 89 of 2015 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder | 90 of 2015 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the liver | 21of 2011 | 6(g) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the liver | 22 of 2011 | 6(g) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the lung | 92 of 2014 | 6(k) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the lung | 93 of 2014 | 6(h) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus | 120 of 2015, as amended | 9(3) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus | 121 of 2015 | 9(3) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| malignant neoplasm of the ovary | 70 of 2009, as amended | 6(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the ovary | 71 of 2009, as amended | 6(d) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter | 98 of 2011 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter | 99 of 2011 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland | 57 of 2015 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland | 58 of 2015 | 6(a) & 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the stomach | 58 of 2014 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the stomach | 59 of 2014 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland | 39 of 2014 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland | 40 of 2014 | 6(a) & 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the unknown primary site | 80 of 2014 | 6(c) | Paragraph 9 |
| malignant neoplasm of the unknown primary site | 81 of 2014 | 6(b) | Paragraph 9 |
| mesothelioma | 104 of 2015 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| mesothelioma | 105 of 2015 | 9(4) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| multiple sclerosis | 100 of 2011 | 6(s) | Paragraph 9 |
| myelodysplastic syndrome | 73 of 2015, as amended | 9(3) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| myelodysplastic syndrome | 74 of 2015, as amended | 9(3) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| myeloma | 69 of 2012, as amended | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| narcolepsy | 7 of 2014 | 6(d) | Paragraph 9 |
| narcolepsy | 8 of 2014 | 6(d) | Paragraph 9 |
| neoplasm of the pituitary gland | 53 of 2015 | 6(a) | Paragraph 9 |
| non-aneurysmal aortic atherosclerotic disease | 15 of 2012 | 6(f) & 6(q) | Paragraph 9 |
| non-aneurysmal aortic atherosclerotic disease | 16 of 2012 | 6(f) & 6(m) | Paragraph 9 |
| non-Hodgkin's lymphoma | 28 of 2010, as amended | 6(va) | Paragraph 9 |
| non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin | 7 of 2016 | 9(5) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin | 8 of 2016 | 9(3)(b) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| open-angle glaucoma | 27 of 2012 | 6(h) & 6(t) | Paragraph 9 |
| open-angle glaucoma | 28 of 2012 | 6(h) & 6(t) | Paragraph 9 |
| optochiasmatic arachnoiditis | 57 of 2016 | 9(6) & 9(14) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| optochiasmatic arachnoiditis | 58 of 2016 | 9(6) & 9(14) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| osteomyelitis | 90 of 2014 | 6(j) | Paragraph 9 |
| osteomyelitis | 91 of 2014 | 6(j) | Paragraph 9 |
| otitis externa | 58 of 2012 | 6(c) & 6(o) | Paragraph 9 |
| otitis externa | 59 of 2012 | 6(c) & 6(o) | Paragraph 9 |
| otitis media | 51 of 2014 | 6(e) | Paragraph 9 |
| otitis media | 52 of 2014 | 6(e) | Paragraph 9 |
| peritoneal adhesions | 3 of 2016 | 9(8) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| peritoneal adhesions | 4 of 2016 | 9(8) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| renal artery atherosclerotic disease | 102 of 2011 | 6(f) & 6(m) | Paragraph 9 |
| renal artery atherosclerotic disease | 103 of 2011 | 6(f) & 6(m) | Paragraph 9 |
| soft tissue sarcoma | 5 of 2015 | 6(c) & 6(d)(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| soft tissue sarcoma | 6 of 2015 | 6(b) & 6(c)(i) | Paragraph 9 |
| tinnitus | 33 of 2012 | 6(m) & 6(ee) | Paragraph 9 |
| tinnitus | 34 of 2012 | 6(m) & 6(dd) | Paragraph 9 |
| trigeminal neuropathy | 79 of 2015 | 9(22) & 9(50) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |
| trigeminal neuropathy | 80 of 2015 | 9(22) & 9(47) | Schedule 1 – Dictionary |