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Dear Mr Sandquest,

Thank you for your letter of 7 February 2008 concerning the progress of the recommendations made by the Final Report of the Oberon Submarine Health Project.

As you have noted, the Department of Veterans' Affairs addressed the first recommendation through a businessline to all claims assessors in December 2006, alerting them to the hazards of service on Oberon Class submarines. The businessline also requested delegates to have regard to Tables 4 and 5 in the Report when considering future claims relating to service aboard Oberon Class submarines.

The remaining recommendations are matters for the Department of Defence to address.

I am advised that Defence has been contacted regarding your concerns. I am awaiting a response from Defence and will provide you with a detailed response on the progress of the remaining recommendations at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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Brigadier (Rtd)
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