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Attachment A

Defence Portfolio

SENATE QUESTION

(Question No. Q231)

Senator David Shoebridge asked the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, upon notice, on 26 August 2025.

1. Since it began to take applications in July 2024, provide a breakdown of applications to the Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Scheme by:
 - a. total number of applications for compensation received;
 - b. applications progressed to the Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Advocate for consideration;
 - c. number of cases where the Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Advocate has already provided a report back to the Chief of Defense Force;
 - d. of the cases where a report has been provided to the Chief of Defence, provide a breakdown of the numbers of cases where the Chief of Defence Force has;
 - i. acted in accordance with the recommendation,
 - ii. taken a different action in response to the claim, and
 - iii. not yet taken any action:
 - e. total number of applications that have not been referred for consideration under the Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Scheme by the Chief of Defence; and
 - f. number of applications not considered under the Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Scheme because their claims are not explicitly substantiated by credible information by the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Afghanistan Inquiry (Brereton Report) .
2. Provide the number of applications that have been ineligible for compensation under the scheme, and have instead been referred into the Department of Finance's "Act of Grace" compensation program or other non Defence redress pathways; provide a breakdown of compensation payments agreed upon by:
 - a. number of approved claims for compensation under the scheme;
 - b. total monetary value committed to the above claims; and
 - c. break down of number of one off payments vs number of recurring payments.

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The Minister representing the Minister for Defence has provided the following answer to the Senator's question:

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[Insert Question response here]

Response from the Department of Finance

2. Provide the number of applications that have been ineligible for compensation under the scheme, and have instead been referred into the Department of Finance's "Act of Grace" compensation program or other non Defence redress pathways; provide a breakdown of compensation payments agreed upon by:

- a. number of approved claims for compensation under the scheme: **Finance has not approved any claims for compensation under the act of grace mechanism (in relation to the Afghanistan Inquiry).**
- b. total monetary value committed to the above claims: **Not applicable.**
- c. break down of number of one off payments vs number of recurring payments: **Not applicable.**

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