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Fact Sheet No 3 - Overview Of DART Reparation Scheme

1.0 What Is The DART?

- DART stands for the Defence Abuse Response Task Force.
- It was set up by the Former Labor Defence Minister and Attorney General to amongst other things manage a “reparation scheme” for victims of abuse in the Australian Defence Force.

2.0 What Is The Scheme?

- An eligible victim can be awarded up to \$45000 as a “reparation” payment for the abuse they suffered,
- In addition a victim can receive an additional \$5,000 if the abuse was reported to be Defence but Defence did nothing or took ineffective action to deal with it.
- There are 4 categories of payment:-

Category	Example / Description	Range
1	<p>The complainant alleges he required medical attention following the assault. The complainant said he tried to report the matter to his supervisor who told him “not to be a sook, and to toughen up”. This response was repeated by his Commanding Officer, to whom he had subsequently complained.</p> <p>• As a result of the assault and his supervisor’s dismissive response, the complainant said he had experienced an ongoing psychiatric medical condition. He had resigned from the Army, but has remained an active member of the Army Reserve.</p>	\$5000

2	<p>The complainant, a Navy Midshipman, alleged she was sexually assaulted in her room by an officer cadet while another cadet watched. The complainant said she required medical attention but did not report the matter to military or civil police because she feared being victimised by the wider cadet group. The complainant said she also sought assistance from the ADFA Chaplain and the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complainant alleged that, as a consequence of the sexual assault and the environment which seemed to condone the behavior, she experienced ongoing depression and anxiety. However, she has continued to serve in the Royal Australian Navy. 	\$15,000
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One plausible instance of physical or sexual abuse • Plausible abuse which involved repeated targeted behaviour including physical violence by more than one abuser. • Plausible abuse that included a plausible threat to the abused person's job and / or a plausible threat of physical injury if the abused person reported the abuse. • One instance of plausible physical abuse which was serious the person needed hospital treatment (regardless of whether the treatment was sought) or • Multiple incidents of plausible abuse which when considered together are sufficiently serious to warrant a Category 3 (abuse) payment. 	\$30,000
4	Is intended to provide reparation for the most serious forms of alleged individual or collective abuse.	\$45,000

3.0 Eligibility To Claim

- In order to be eligible to claim:-
 - a. The abuse must have occurred before **11th April 2011**
 - b. The victim must have made a complaint to DLA Piper or the DART prior to **31 May 2013**
 - c. Victim must file a Personal Account and swear a Statutory Declaration on the abuse.

4.0 Personal Accounts Must Be In By 30th November 2013

All Personal Accounts must be lodged by 30th November 2013 otherwise the application will be rejected.

5.0 More Information

For more information contact Jennifer Jacomb, Public Officer And Secretary of Victims Of Abuse In The Australian Defence Force A0059257W on 0414 724 565 or by email to jennifer@adfabuse.com.

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"It was Hubris that made Angels into Devils.

It is obstinacy that keeps them in Hell"