

THE HON. DR MIKE KELLY AM MP Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

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Inquiries into unresolved recognition issues for Royal Australian Air Force personnel who served at Ubon between 1965 and 1968

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP, announced today that the independent Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal will inquire into unresolved recognition issues for Royal Australian Air Force personnel who served at Ubon, Thailand between 1965 and 1968.

"I am pleased that the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal will inquire into this long standing recognition issue," Dr Kelly said.

"This inquiry represents a continuation of reviews into long standing Defence honours and awards issues identified by the Government in 2007."

Calls for submissions will be released shortly in the national press. Submissions to the inquiry close on Monday, 30 August 2010.

"Many people have written to me concerning this issue and I would encourage them to now take advantage of this opportunity to make a submission to the Tribunal," Dr Kelly said.

The Tribunal can be contacted at:

Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal Locked Bag 7765 CANBERRA BUSINESS CENTRE ACT 2610

Or via email to DHA.Tribunal@defence.gov.au

The terms of reference for the inquiry and guidance on how to make a submission can be obtained at: www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au

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