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### **Update on Memorandum of Understanding Working Group**

As reported earlier, your Executive has appointed a Working Group to interact with Government on any proposed changes to process around the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding. You will recall that the Government has made clear they do not intend to change the wording of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Working Group will report to the Executive of our Association on a regular basis, and they are not empowered to make decisions, that rests with your Executive. RNZRSA is supporting the working Group and has a representative on the Group.

The Working Group has been tasked to work with any Government appointed representatives, and in the best interests of the wider Vietnam veterans' community including veterans, whanau, the wider family, and spouses/partners.

We are waiting for an indication from Government on what exactly is the Government's intention.

The members of the Working Group are:  
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Barry Dreyer  
Rob Todman - RNZRSA Representative  
Carol Taylor - Secretary

While the Working Group very much values the interest and support of the membership, we ask that you refrain from bombarding them with emails and calls. It is best if any approach to the Working Group is made through Carol, the secretary.

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We will report back to the membership when there is detail to be reported on from the Working Group.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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