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Jendy
we need to
get this into
out. cheers
Sam

Dear Jock

As you may be aware, the Australian Government announced the rationalisation of the temporary incapacity allowance (TIA) and loss of earnings (LOE) allowance as part of the 2011-12 Budget.

As a result, TIA will no longer be payable under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA) from 20 September 2011, subject to passage of legislation. People receiving TIA, however, may be eligible to receive the loss of earnings allowance.

The Department is writing to existing TIA recipients to advise of the change and ask if they wish to claim the loss of earnings allowance. I anticipate that as a result of this mail-out, your organisation may receive some enquiries regarding TIA and LOE.

While the loss of earnings allowance is similar to TIA, it does have several notable differences. The LOE is payable not only to the veteran or member, but also to any attendant who has accompanied them to receive treatment. There is also no requirement for the period of treatment to exceed 4 weeks as is the case with TIA. However, to receive the LOE allowance, the veteran or member must have actually experienced a loss of earnings caused by the treatment of their incapacity.

The LOE allowance is payable at the rate of the lost earnings, limited to a maximum payable amount of the Special Rate of disability pension under the VEA (taking into account the assessed rate of disability pension).

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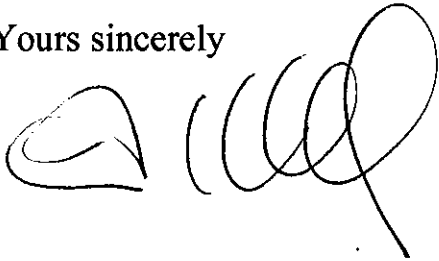
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If you have any questions about the information provided in this letter please contact me on (08) 8290 5085.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized first name followed by a more complex, cursive last name.

**IAN KELLY
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SA**

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