

To whom it may concern,

I am a Gold Card (TPI) holder with 74 Impairment points and was medically discharged from the Air Force in July 2017.

My question is, as I am medically unable to pursue any type of paid work, why doesn't the incapacity remuneration package remain equal to my departing salary until retirement age.

Just to recap, for the first 45 weeks I receive my CSC payments plus incapacity payments to make up my departing salary. After 45 weeks my incapacity payments are reduced to 75% of my departing salary, even though I am unable to work.

I believe this process should be reviewed as my inability to undertake any form of employment was a result my accepted related service conditions.

To negate any form of misuse, the qualifying mark should be that of a Gold Card (TPI) holder.

I believe that the initial amount of incapacity payments (as per the first 45 weeks) should be paid until the members compulsory retirement age.

As it stands now, I am fortnightly worse off than when I was fully employed by defence.

Yes there is an option to receive a pension or a lump sum as compensation for the accepted conditions but I believe these payments should not be considered as wages. These pensions and lump sums are for loss of quality of life that the accepted conditions have imposed on the member.

I am more than happy to discuss this topic further if required.

Kind Regards,

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