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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Dennis,

Thank you for your letter of 5 July 2013 regarding the publication of a Unit History of the Royal Australian Regiments and its service in Vietnam.

I regret that the advice you say you have received concerning the availability of Commonwealth grants is, to the extent of my research, true. The only funding which I believe would be available from the Department of Veterans' Affairs would be a limited grant under the *Saluting Their Service* programme which you have indicated is insufficient.

Have you contacted the Department of Defence at all seeking any financial support or contribution from them?

I have also taken the time to consider your papers with respect Rifle Company Butterworth. I have previously written to the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator the Hon. David Feeney, about this matter and he has indicated that the Government will not revisit this issue. I have indicated that the Coalition could only consider a further review on the basis that further, new and additional information was sourced and not already considered by the Nature of Service Branch at Defence.

Thank you once again for your letter.

Yours sincerely,

**SENATOR THE HON. MICHAEL RONALDSON**  
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