

#### 2 December 2014

# Dear

- 1. I refer to your request of 10 October 2014 for access to information held by Defence Housing Australia under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth)*.
- 2. I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of request for access to documents. My decision and the reasons for that decision are set out below.

# Background

3.	On 10 October 2014 you lodged a Freedom of Information (FOI) request by email, in which you
	have sought access to information, as below:

..in relation to ongoing concerns at

- 1) A copy of any and all reports from the second second to DHA in relation to
- 2) A copy of any and all correspondence in relation to between DHA and
- A copy of any and all correspondence with the number of contractors to confirm the scope of works required for any potential rectifications' as specified by Stephen Bond, DHA in his email dated 07 OCT 14 (attached below)
- 4) A copy of any and all correspondence by Scott Gilmour, DHA in relation to
- 5) A copy of the written response from DRHM to DHA with his finding of the review/meeting between myself and DHA as specified by Stephen Bond, DHA in his email dated 07 OCT 14 (attached below).
- 4. I acknowledged receipt of your request on 10 October 2014 and I wrote to you on the 5 November 2014 extending the statutory deadline under section 15(6) of the FOI Act to undertake consultation with a third party.

### Legislative background

5. The Act provides a right of access to information in the possession of Commonwealth agencies, limited only by exceptions and exemptions provided for in the Act.

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#### Decision

- 7. I have identified a total of 21 documents as falling within the scope of your FOI request. A schedule of the documents is set out at Attachment A.
- 8. I have identified Documents 2-9, 11, 12, 14, 16, and 18 as falling within the parameters of your request and have decided to release them in full.
- 9. Documents 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 21 are partially and conditionally exempt under section 47F of the FOI Act and disclosure would be contrary to the public interest. The parts of those documents that are not conditionally exempt are to be released.
- 10. Document 1 is exempt under section 47(1) (b) of the FOI Act and disclosure would be contrary to public interest.

# Section 47 – documents disclosing trade secrets or commercially valuable information

- (1) A document is an exempt document if its disclosure under this Act would disclose:
  - (a) trade secrets; or
- (b) any other information having a commercial value that would be, or could reasonably be expected to be, destroyed or diminished if the information were disclosed.

In determining whether the document is exempt under section 47(1) (b), I am required to consider:

- Whether the document contains information of a commercial value; and
- Whether there is a reasonable likelihood that the value would reasonably be destroyed or diminished through disclosure.

DHA has obtained the services of and in doing so have agreed to terms and conditions, which state that the contents of the Analytical Report are intended for the Addressee only and contains opinions held by the Author who prepared the report. This information is not publicly available and is valuable for the purpose of carrying on the commercial activities in which the third party is engaged.

In addition, copyright of the report is retained by the Author and the Addressee is granted an exclusive licence to the contents. I am satisfied that there is a reasonable likelihood that the commercial value of the information in the document would be diminished or destroyed if it were to be disclosed. As a result, document 1 is exempt from disclosure under section 47(1) (b).

# Section 47F - Public interest conditional exemption - Personal Privacy

Section 47F of the FOI Act relevantly provides:

- (1) A document is conditionally exempt if its disclosure under this Act would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person).
- (2) In determining whether the disclosure of the document would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information, an agency or Minister must have regard to the following matters:
  - (a) the extent to which the information is well known:
  - (b) whether the person to whom the information relates is known to be (or to have been) associated with the matters dealt with in the document;
  - (c) the availability of the information from publicly accessible sources;
  - (d) any other matters that the agency or Minister considers relevant.

'Personal information' is defined in section 4 of the FOI Act as:

Information or an opinion (including information forming part of a database), whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual whose identity is apparent, or can reasonably be ascertained, from the information or opinion.

Documents 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 21 contain the personal information of a number of employees and individuals. Document 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 21 include the names of individuals not associated with the information contained in this document and mobile phone numbers of employees and individuals that could be used for both business and personal use. Furthermore, the information is not publicly known. I find the release of this information would constitute an unreasonable disclosure of personal information.

Under subsection 11A(5), the FOI Act requires that the agency or minister give the FOI applicant access to the document if it is conditionally exempt at a particular time unless (in the circumstances) access to the document at that time would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

I am satisfied that the personal information in documents 10, 13, 15, 17,19, 20 and 21 is conditionally exempt under section 47F of the FOI Act. Furthermore, I have decided that on balance it would be contrary to the public interest to release the personal information. Accordingly, I have decided to release the documents with the personal information redacted.

# Material on which my findings are based

- 11. I based my findings on the following material:
  - The content of the identified documents;
  - The relevant provisions of the FOI Act:
  - The guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commission under section 93A of the FOI Act (OAIC Guidelines);

- Advice from DHA staff whose duties relate more closely to the matters referred to in the document; and
- The content of your FOI request.

# Liability to pay charges

12. I have decided not to impose any charges.

# Rights of review

13. If you do not agree with my decision in relation to the release of documents you are entitled to apply for an internal review of the decision and/or external review by the Australian Information Commissioner. Information on your review rights is at Attachment B.

# FOI disclosure log

14. In accordance with the requirements of section 11C of the FOI Act, Defence Housing Australia is required to publish, on its website, information released under the FOI Act within 10 working days of the applicant being given access to documents. Defence Housing Australia will also publish the decision notice, with any personal and business information deleted. The information published does not include personal information or the business, commercial, financial or professional affairs of any person if publication of that information would be unreasonable. Other information not published also includes that which the Australian Information Commissioner determines is unreasonable to publish.

#### **Further information**

15. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this matter.



Executive Officer

# FOI Request Schedule of documents

Item No.	Title/Description	Date	Author/Creator	Addressee	No. pages	Decision
1	Report	5 June 2014		DHA	5	Exempt. Section 47
2	Email	7-15 October 2014	Various	Various	7	Released in full
3	Interaction	24 September 2014	DHA	DHA	1	Released in full
4	Email	21 May 2014	DHA	Applicant	1	Released in full
5	Email	21-22 May 2014	DHA	Applicant	3	Released in full
6	Email	19 June 2014	Applicant	DHA	1	Released in full
7	Email	22 September 2014	DHA	Applicant	1	Released in full
8	Email	2 October 2014	DHA	DRHM	1	Released in full
9	Email	25 Jul-21Aug 2014	Various	Various	5	Released in full
10	Email	10 Sept 2014	DHA	Applicant	1	Released in part. Section 47F
11	Email		DHA	Applicant	1	Released in full
12	Email and attachments	30 Jun – 1 Jul 2014	Applicant	DHA	5	Released in full
13	Email	Various	Applicant	DHA	7	Released in part. Section 47F
14	Email	July 2014	Applicant	DHA	1	Released in full
15	Email	20 May 2014		DHA	1	Released in part. Section 47F
16	Email	7 October 2014	DHA		1	Released in full
17	Document	Undated	DHA		3	Released in part. Section 47F
18	Email	25 Sept 14	DHA	DRHM	1	Released in full
19	Email and attachments	29 September 2014	DHA	DRHM	33	Released in part. Section 47F
20	Email	Various	DHA	DRHM	3	Released in part. Section 47F
21	Email	July 2014	DHA		3	Released in part. Section 47F



# Freedom of information - Your review rights

If you disagree with the decision made by Defence Housing Australia (DHA) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act), you can ask for the decision to be reviewed. You may want to seek review if you sought certain documents and were not given full access, if you have been informed that there will be a charge for processing your request or if your application to have your personal information amended was not accepted. There are two ways you can ask for review of a decision: internal review by DHA and/ or external review by the Australian Information Commissioner.

#### Internal review

If DHA makes an FOI decision with which you disagree, you can ask DHA to review its decision. The review will be conducted by a DHA officer at a more senior level than the original decision maker. There is **NO** charge for internal review.

You must apply within 30 days of being notified of the decision, unless you have sought an extension from DHA.

DHA must make a review decision within 30 days. Where DHA has not met its review obligation, you may then approach the Information Commissioner.

Internal review is not available if the Minister or the principal officer of the agency made the decision personally.

# How to apply for internal review

You must apply in writing and should include a copy of the notice of the decision provided and the points to which you are objecting and why. You can lodge your application in one of the following ways:

Post: Company Secretary
Defence Housing Australia
26 Brisbane Avenue
BARTON ACT 2600

Email: foi@dha.gov.au

#### **External Review**

Do I have to go through DHA's internal review process first?

No. You may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. However, going through DHA's internal review process gives DHA the opportunity to reconsider its initial decision and your concerns will most likely be addressed more quickly, without undergoing an external review process.

# When can I go to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT)?

Under the revised Act, you must seek external review through the Information Commissioner prior to applying to the AAT for such a review.

#### Making a complaint

You may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about actions taken by DHA in relation to your application. The complaint needs to be in writing.

#### Contacting the Information Commissioner

Further information about the external review process or how to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner is available at the following:

Online: www.oaic.gov.au

Post: GPO Box 2999, Canberra ACT 2601

Fax: +61 2 9284 9666

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

#### Investigation by the Ombudsman

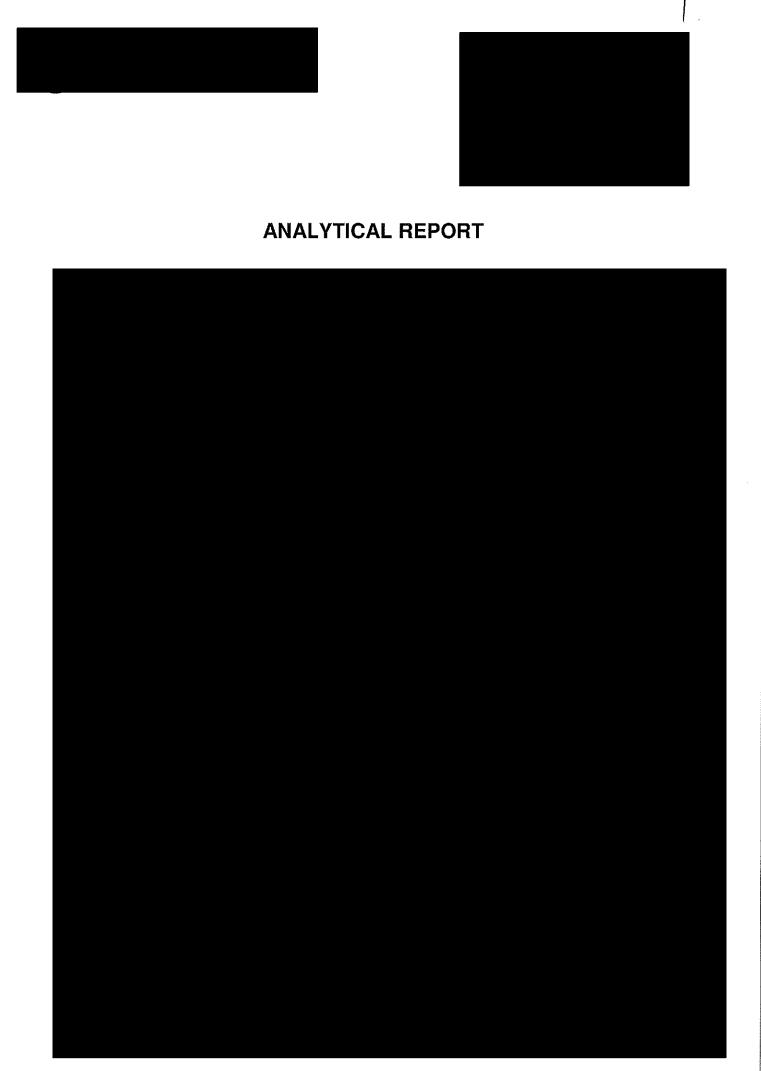
The Commonwealth Ombudsman can also investigate complaints about action taken by agencies under the Act. However, if the issue complained about either could be or has been investigated by the Information Commissioner, the Ombudsman will consult the Information Commissioner to avoid the same matter being investigated twice. If the Ombudsman decides not to investigate, the complaint, then all relevant documents and information must be transferred to the Information Commissioner.

The Information Commissioner can also transfer to the Ombudsman a complaint that could more appropriately be investigated by the Ombudsman. This could occur where the FOI complaint is only one part of a wider grievance about an agency's actions. It is unlikely that this will be common. You will be notified in writing if your complaint is transferred.

#### **Defence Housing Australia FOI contacts**

Defence Housing Australia 26 Brisbane Avenue BARTON ACT 2600

Ph: +61 2 6217 8401 Email: foi@dha.gov.au Website: www.dha.gov.au

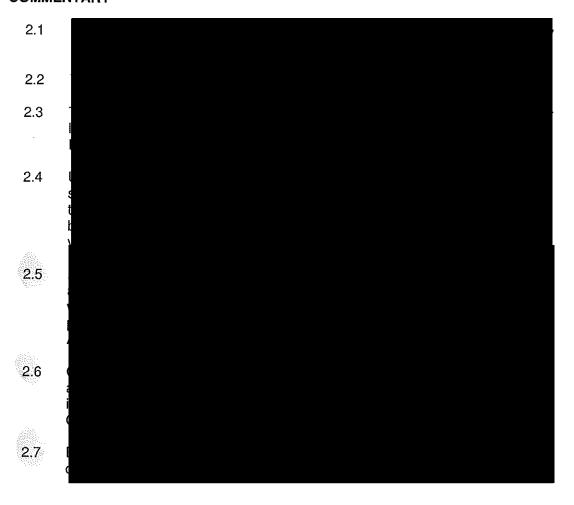


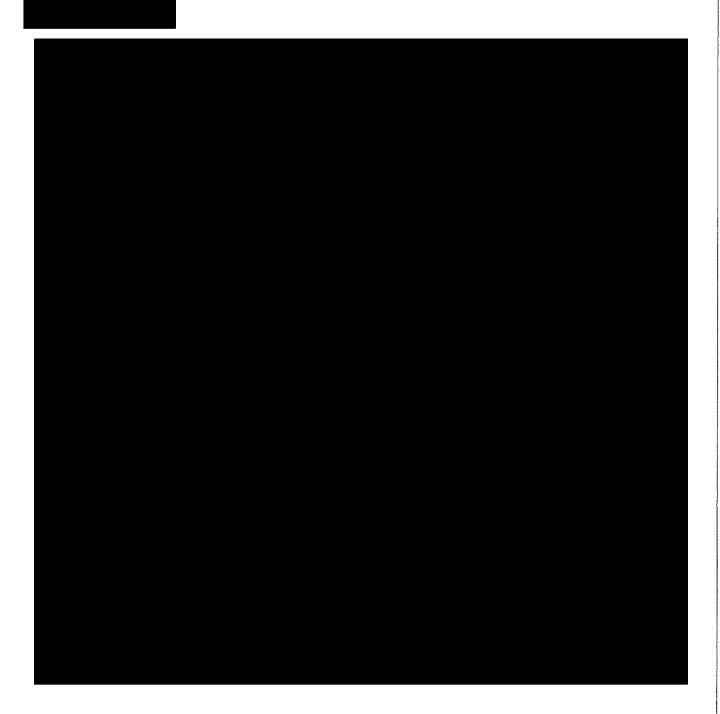
# **ANALYTICAL REPORT**

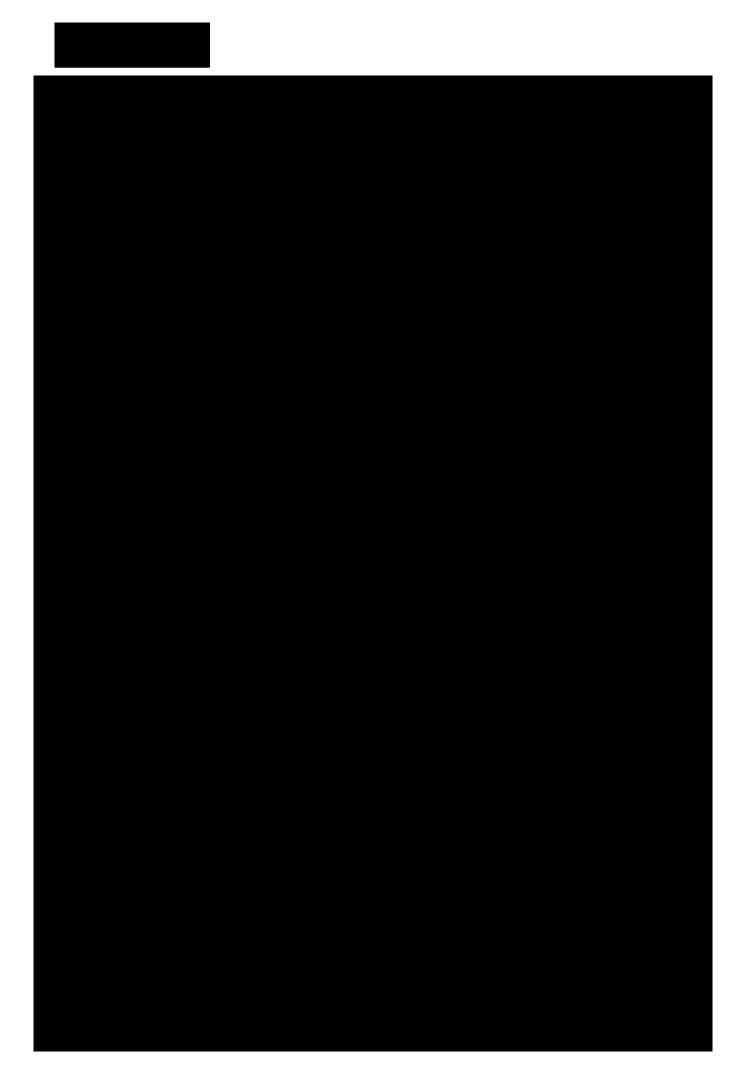
# **INSTRUCTIONS**



#### 2 COMMENTARY









From:

Bond, Stephen

Sent:

Wednesday, 15 October 2014 5:55 PM

To:

Subject:

RE: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear I

In reference to my statement regarding DHA Operations, this covers the stakeholders involved in the consideration of the complaint from DHA, this included the National Customer Relations Team as per the tenant handbook and Defence Residential Agreement (DRA). The complaint was addressed by the Local Housing Management Centre (HMC). As you were not satisfied with this outcome and presented further questions, DHA escalated and investigated the matter further in line with the complaint resolution in the tenant handbook and DRA.

As this matter is being considered by the National Customer Relations Team for DHA with Defence, I am unable to provide further comment. As soon as DHA have a response from Defence, DHA will be in contact.

Regards,

**Stephen Bond** | Regional Property & Tenancy Manager Brisbane Housing Management Centre | Defence Housing Australia Highpoint Plaza Ground Floor Sultes 3-6 240 Waterworks Road Ashgrove Qld 4060 Phone: 139 342 | Fax: 02 6222 2275 <a href="mailto:stephen.bond@dha.gov.au">stephen.bond@dha.gov.au</a> | www.dha.gov.au

Did you know you can track the progress of your logged maintenance? Log onto <u>DHA's Online Services</u> Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2014 2:27 PM

To: Bond, Stephen

Subject: RE: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Stephen.

Can you clarify why my request for remediation of has gone to DHA Operations. This procedure is not included in the Tenanat Handbook or the DRA. It is now several weeks since I requested that this matter be referred to JHARC and nothing has happened in order to remediate at

Also, I have asked you for clarification on your use of the term 'due diligence on the moisture reading provided'. Can you please provide an answer.

Sincerely.



From: Bond, Stephen [mailto:Stephen.Bond@dha.gov.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2014 09:56

To:

Subject: RE: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**Good Morning** 

DRHM Brisbane contact details are drhm.sq@defence.gov.au

In relation to the plug, I have raised this maintenance. The quickest most effective way to log maintenance is on 139 DHA (342). If I am away or in meetings the request may not be actioned on the day received, the maintenance call centre can raise this while you are on the phone and it is time and date stamped.

I have enquired with DHA Operations this morning, no decision has been handed down from Defence on rectification or reimbursement at the time of writing this email.

Regards,

**Stephen Bond** | Regional Property & Tenancy Manager Brisbane Housing Management Centre | Defence Housing Australia Highpoint Plaza Ground Floor Sultes 3-6 240 Waterworks Road Ashgrove Qld 4060 Phone: 139 342 | Fax: 02 6222 2275 <a href="mailto:stephen.bond@dha.gov.au">stephen.bond@dha.gov.au</a> | www.dha.gov.au

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From:

Sent: Monday, 13 October 2014 12:57 PM

To: Bond, Stephen

Subject: RE: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Stephen.

Could you please provide the email for please.

Also, the plugs for the sinks at the same that the push down type. I have been using a plunger to open the plugs, but this is problematic. Could you please organise remediation.

Sincerely,



From: Bond, Stephen [mailto:Stephen.Bond@dha.gov.au]

Sent: Friday, 10 October 2014 15:19

To:

Cc: McWatters, Georgie

Subject: RE: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good Afternoon

I have been advised by DHA Operations that the matter is currently awaiting a decision from Defence.

In relation to your request for freedom of information, this will need to be logged via the following address <a href="https://www.dha.gov.au/about-us/customer-relations/freedom-of-information">https://www.dha.gov.au/about-us/customer-relations/freedom-of-information</a>

Regards,

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From:

Sent: Friday, 10 October 2014 3:06 PM

To: Bond, Stephen
Cc: McWatters, Georgie

Subject: FW: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

### UNCLASSIFIED

Stephen,

Given the continued inertia by DHA and the lack of transparency that is now occurring, please provide:

1. A copy of any and all reports from in relation to

2. A copy of any and all correspondence in relation to

between DHA and

3. A copy of any and all correspondence with the 'number of contractors to confirm the scope of works required for any potential rectifications' (outlined in your email dated 07 OCT 14.

4. A copy of any and all correspondence by Scott Gilmour in relation to

5. A copy of the written response from DRHM to DHA with his finding of the review/meeting between myself and DHA.
This request is an application for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 1982. Please provide notices outlined via electronic means to this email address. If you are not specified by DHA to respond on this matter, please take all reasonable steps to assist me make this request in a manner that complies with Section III, 15 of the Act.
Sincerely,
From: Sent: Wednesday, 8 October 2014 11:30 To: 'Bond, Stephen' Cc: 'georgie.mcwatters@dha.gov.au' Subject: RE: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
UNCLASSIFIED
Hi Stephen.
1. Can you please explain why you are unable to provide a copy of the report from
2. Can you please provide the email correspondence with
3. It has now been two weeks since the meeting in which DHA confirmed that expert advice and remediation would be needed in order to improve ventilation at Can you please confirm that you have now backflipped on this.
4. Please advise on what you mean by 'due diligence on the moisture reading provided'. Are you suggesting that the moisture levels were lower than that required for mould to thrive in the master bedroom?
This further delay means that we are approaching the five-month mark since an excessive humidity was identified within the standard of the sta
Please action this email promptly.

Sincerely,



From: Bond, Stephen [mailto:Stephen.Bond@dha.gov.au]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 October 2014 17:00

To

Subject: RE: Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear

Thankyou for your email.

DHA is unable to provide you a copy of the report. DHA can confirm we have email correspondence from the contractor engaged to carry out the moisture and mould report.

DHA have been speaking with a number of contractors to confirm the scope of works required for any potential rectifications. The scope will be confirmed in the coming days. This has also included DHA conducting due diligence on the moisture reading provided.

DRHM leaves to the providing DHA with written response to his finding of the review/meeting has confirmed this should be received tomorrow 8/10/2014). Once this has been submitted DHA Management will review and a potential reimbursement and potential upgrade (if required) to the property will be submitted for your consideration. If you are unhappy with DHA's proposal, as the member you have the right to escalate to the final step on the complaints management process JHARC.

JHARC is the formal body that considered members complaints about housing related issues which can not be satisfactorily resolved at a local level. JHARC is held in accordance with PACMAN.

Regards,

**Stephen Bond** | Regional Property & Tenancy Manager Brisbane Housing Management Centre | Defence Housing Australia Highpoint Plaza Ground Floor Suites 3-6 240 Waterworks Road Ashgrove Qld 4060 Phone: 139 342 | Fax: 02 6222 2275 <a href="mailto:stephen.bond@dha.gov.au">stephen.bond@dha.gov.au</a> | www.dha.gov.au

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 7 October 2014 11:11 AM

To: Bond, Stephen

**Subject:** Further delay. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**UNCLASSIFIED** 

Hi Stephen,

It is nearly two weeks since the last meeting at which DHA indicated that they would seek specialist advice on improving the ventilation at

Can you please advise on the current status asap.

Also, I have requested a copy of the report from have a copy yet.

several times. Please advise whether you

Also, please advise on the process for my claim at JHARC.

Thank You,



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Pip Sackley | Sign Out ra 1.8.0 started 06/11/2014 21:27 New Interaction CMP-11117 Next Interaction Employee ID feels that if we do look at monitoring and doing further work to have the moisture removed that we will need to take responsibility for the damage to his belongings. I am unsure as to why the mould has grown. Contractor stated in an email that the spouse had issues since 2011 and the member has been the first and only P&T Manager, Stephen Bond and myself as the delegate in mould. Further discussion to be held with HO regarding the outcome as member will escalate if the above is not done. Member also Darren Powell's absence. We reviewed the information presented and identified/confirmed that the mould was only found in the bed offer properties to date have reported a problem in that area. He would also like DHA to continue to monitor the home for humidity . Member was unaware of the mould growing to get advice on what the best remedial action would be for the property. Member believes due to the type of home and location could be the cause as no levels. Member has a claim for \$5300 that he would like paid by DHA being furniture and effects that have been removed due to Member... tenant. So therefore if this was the cause it is unusual that it has taken this long to create a problem. until this time. Member is looking for another inspection and report to be done by and surrounds at the time the inspection was completed, with with mould in a previous property however they have been in Meeting was arranged with DRHM, Brian Greer, member, 36755969 Face to Face (Member) Description / Phone 0403 944 676 History Estate Agents Search Results was only found in the bed and surrounds at the time the inspection was was unaware of the mould growing until this time. Member is looking for o get advice on what the best remedial action would I type of home and location could be the cause as no other properties to would also like DHA to continue to monitor the home for humidity levels. paid by DHA being furniture and effects that have been removed due to regarding the outcome as member will escalate if the above is not done monitoring and doing further work to have the moisture removed that we delegate in Darren Powell's absence. We reviewed the information pres Client Management CLM PRD A morton release, 2014/1106T0911.6ececd1 Interaction 36755969 All Notifications nember, Service Army / GRE RB3 / Warital status MWD / Email RSA 37819 Face to Face (Member) Maintenance/Upgrade Maintenance Mould and Reimbursement Contractors Lessors 36755969 Interactions Meeting was arranged with DRHM, Previous Interaction Dashboard Details Rendered in 0.053 seconds Attachments All interactions Description Interaction Reason Source Members Key

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18/11/2014 12:27 PM



From:

Sprott, Andrea

Sent:

Wednesday, 21 May 2014 3:47 PM

To: Subject:

I have recently been contacted by a contractor at

who investigated the mould issue in your

main bedroom.

Good Afternoon

They have informed us that they have recommended you dispose of your bed and bedside tables as they are heavily contaminated with mould. They have also informed us that advised there was a mould issue at your previous residence, where this furniture was also.

It has been recommended that a mould remediation clean and treatment be carried out to the entire room. We are unable to carry out this treatment until the furniture has been removed from the area. Can you please advise when this is complete and I will arrange the treatment to be carried out as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

# Andrea Sprott | Team Leader

Brisbane Housing Management Centre | Defence Housing Australia Ground Floor Suite 3-6, Highpoint Plaza 240 Waterworks Road, PO Box 530, Ashgrove QLD 4060 Tel: 07 3355 8817 | Fax: 02 6222 2275 Email: andrea.sprott@dha.gov.au | www.dha.gov.au

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From:

Sprott, Andrea

Sent:

Thursday, 22 May 2014 1:37 PM

To: Subject:

Hi David,

I have included below the information provided by the contractors at

I have informed the tenant that to prevent this from getting worse that they install a dehumidifier to reduce moisture levels in the air, but first the room will require a mould remediation clean and treatment and the bed and two bedside tables disposed as these items are heavily contaminated with mould.

I have also advised that they stay out of the room and keep the door shut due to health concerns. The tenant advised that her husband had suffered mould related symptoms from their previous address and that the bed and bedside tables did come from that address."

The contractors also advise via phone call that your clothing will be fine, they will only need to be washed.

I am awaiting some additional information from the contractors in relation to how long the room will be un-useable after the treatment. Once I have been advised of this I will arrange for the works to be carried out and contact you with the details.

Kind Regards

#### Andrea Sprott | Team Leader

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From: Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2014 12:31 PM

To: Sprott, Andrea

Subject: RE: [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Andrea,

Thanks very much for getting the inspection carried out so promptly. While the loss of our bedroom furniture is very unfortunate, we are relieved to have identified a health risk. This finding possibly explains why I had respiratory problems for a number of months last year.

WRT the recommendations from I am keen to receive a written report, so that I know exactly

The bed and cabinets are currently out in the garden. Can you please confirm whether we need to remove our clothing from the wardrobes or whether they can be remediated as well.

what we are dealing with. If it comes directly to you, can you please pass on.

I don't know what mould problem stalking about. I will discuss with her and get back to you. My only recollection is a 'mark' on the carpet under one of our side cabinets reported in our final inspection -unwitnessed by us. I will look for the details.

Thanks again,



From: Sprott, Andrea [mailto:Andrea.Sprott@dha.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2014 15:47

To:

Subject:

Good Afternoon

I have recently been contacted by a contractor at main bedroom.

who investigated the mould issue in your

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Kind Regards

#### Andrea Sprott | Team Leader

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From:

Lessor Management

Sent:

Thursday, 19 June 2014 4:03 PM

To:

Brisbane OPS Support

Cc:

Subject:

FW: An online enquiry has been received

Good afternoon

Please see below enquiry from tenant of

for action and response.

Regards

Julie

Julie Richmond | Lessor Management Administration Officer Property and Tenancy Services | Defence Housing Australia Maintenance Contact Centre | Hunter Valley

Tel: 139 DHA | Fax: 02 6222 2259

email: LessorManagement@dha.gov.au | www.dha.gov.au

From: help@dha.gov.au [mailto:help@dha.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 19 June 2014 3:57 PM

To: Lessor Management

Subject: An online enquiry has been received

Dear Team

The following enquiry has been submitted via our website's online enquiry form. Please respond within three business days.

Date submitted: Thu 19/6/14 at 03:57PM

First name Last name:

Email:

I am: a current lessor

Investment property address:

Enquiry type: Other

Your enquiry: Hi, I wish to make a claim against DHA for damages sustained to personal effects on a DHA property as a result of the building design. Direction to the appropriate paperwork would be appreciated.

Thank You,

Thank you,

The Web Team.

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Bond, Stephen

Sent:

Monday, 22 September 2014 10:06 AM

To:

Subject:

Good Morning

Thankyou for your email response in relation to the mould issues at

Prior to the issue being raised to JHARC, DHA are required to have a formal meeting with the Regional Director, Defence Relocations & Housing Manager (DRHM) and yourself with the aim of jointly resolving the issue.

Darren Powell (Regional Director) is currently on leave, Georgie McWatters is the delegate for Darren while he is on leave.

If you could advise me a suitable time, I can arrange a meeting with the Regional Director and DRHM in our Ashgrove Office.

Regards,

Stephen Bond | Regional Property & Tenancy Manager
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240 Waterworks Road Ashgrove Qld 4060
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From:

Bond, Stephen

Sent:

Thursday, 2 October 2014 3:32 PM

To: Subject:

Afternoon

has contacted me today to see where we are at, have you had a chance to review and comment on the

I have checked with DHA Head office, they would prefer to have DRHM's opinion before they review the decision and either have a resolution or send to JHARC.

Regards,

**Stephen Bond** | Regional Property & Tenancy Manager Brisbane Housing Management Centre | Defence Housing Australia Highpoint Plaza Ground Floor Sultes 3-6 240 Waterworks Road Ashgrove Qld 4060 Phone: 139 342 | Fax: 02 6222 2275 <a href="mailto:stephen.bond@dha.gov.au">stephen.bond@dha.gov.au</a> | www.dha.gov.au

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From:

Bond, Stephen

Sent:

Thursday, 21 August 2014 3:33 PM

To: Subject:

Good Afternoon

I have received a further update in regards to the review, it has progressed to the National Service Delivery Manager in DHA.

An outcome of this review will be provided shortly.

Regards,

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From:

Sent: Friday, 15 August 2014 3:01 PM

To: Bond, Stephen

Subject: RE:

Mould Issue [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks Stephen.

From: Bond, Stephen [mailto:stephenb@dha.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 14 August 2014 15:56

To:

Subject: RE:

Mould Issue [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi

Thankyou for your email. I have escalated this issue as per the complaints process, an investigation is underway I will follow up and provide an update.

Regards,

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From: Sent: Thursday, 14 August 2014 12:15 PM To: Bond, Stephen Subject: FW: - Mould is	ssue [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
UNCLASSIFIED	
Stephen,	
Please provide a timeframe within which you will address moisture at a timeframe (as per below). This issue is nearing the three on 21 May 14.	e issues and reimbursement for damages sustained e month mark given the notification of the problem
Sincerely,	
From:	
Sent: Thursday, 7 August 2014 15:34 To: 'Bond, Stephen'	
	e [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
UNCLASSIFIED	
Thank you for your follow up Stephen.	
Please consider the following:	
<ol> <li>On the requirement for repair work to begin IOT ensure humidity maintained below 60% year-round:</li> </ol>	r levels within
a. According to my reading of the Bureau of Meteorology inform and decline in subsequent months (meaning now). Therefore, mon finding that humidity is <i>currently</i> not a problem. However, this does again at more humid times of the year. The relative moisture levels be above the level required to grow mould, and at levels 9% above You therefore have the evidence required to proceed with remedial current testing would not over-ride that.	itoring of may indeed return a not negate the potential for it to become a problem at a may indeed return a not negate the potential for it to become a problem have already been found to that of the outside moisture levels.

b. I remain skeptical that a whirlybird will substantially reduce the moisture levels at the property. It is a passive system designed to remove heat; not moisture. I have suggested ducting the bathroom fans to the eaves of the building. However, this appears to have been dismissed. I am not an expert in this area, so would appreciate an understanding of the tehnical guidance that you have been provided with regard to predicted reductions in the level of

c. We have been tennants at for over two and a half years and one of the first to move into the street. I am therefore not surprised if we are the first tennants to experience this issue in this area.
d . It is a fact that the master bedroom and ensuite have been, and remain, inadequately ventilated to remove excess moisture. This was demonstrated by a relative humidity reading of 66% in the master bedroom when moisture levels were only 57% outside. The extractor fans in both bathrooms lead to a small and unventilated roof space allowing for positive pressure to build there and return moist air to the bathroom and master bedroom when fans are switched off.
e. According to Item 12a(ii) of the DRA dated 18 Nov 11, DHA will undertake routine repairs within 28 days after notification.
FYA: IAW Item 12a(ii) of the DRA, please immediately initiate appropriate repairs at IOT ensure that humidity levels are reduced and maintained below 60% year-round. Please provide the technical guidance that will ensure an effective repair.
2. On the subject of reimbursement for damaged items:
a. I have been provided with no evidence of mould at our previous residence.
b. The contractors of the contra
c. I concur with your statement that mould spores can lie dormant and in the right environment spread. I suggest that DHA has provided the 'right environment' at
d. We are now drawing on our mortgage as a result of having to replace a number of items, so feeling some economical duress.
FYA: Please provide a copy of the full report from pertaining to pertaining to pertaining to pertaining to pertaining to pertaining to pertain the complaints resolution process IOT to determine whether reimbursement is justified.
3 . Please do not send any further advicce / pamphlets on how to reduce humidity levels at the property. It belies your belief that we have somehow created a highly moist environment conducive to the growth of mould. Also, the information is in direct conflict with that of items can be treated with vinegar.
Sincerely

moisture using a whirlybird(s). Please bear in mind that there are health implications if the remediation provided by DHA proves inadequate.

From: Bond, Stephen [mailto:stephenb@dha.gov.au]	
Sent: Friday, 25 July 2014 16:50	
Го:	

Cc: McIntosh, Lesley; Gilmour, Scott

Subject: - Mould Issue

Dear

An issue with the service residence has been escalated to me for review and comment.

#### **Monitoring Works**

DHA will engage a suitable contractor to monitor the humidity and moister levels within the property over the next 4 weeks.

At the conclusion of this time, DHA will be provided with an outcome of the monitoring. Should the outcome be within reasonable levels DHA will not proceed with any further works, if the outcome is outside the reasonable levels DHA/Defence will look to install whirlybirds and continue to monitor the property.

Currently there has been no evidence of a water leak, or water penetration into the property that could have lead to increased moisture levels. This is the first mould related issue reported within this design of service residence

#### Reimbursement

On the current evidence the design of the property has not caused the mould issues, on the report provided by the contractor to DHA it had stated a mould issue at your pervious RA property. The contractor has confirmed if a mould spore was transferred from one location to the other, they can lie dormant and in the right environment spread.

As DHA is a government agency and regularly audited we must ensure we have completed due process and have strong evidence to support spending of commonwealth funds, DHA do not have sufficient evidence to support your claim for reimbursement.

A DHA contactor will be in touch to arrange access for the monitoring over the next 4 weeks. I have attached a flyer in relation to mould issued by the QLD government which maybe of benefit.

Regards,

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From:

Powell, Darren

Sent:

Thursday, 11 September 2014 12:51 PM

To: Subject: Bond, Stephen FW:

From: Powell, Darren

Sent: Wednesday, 10 September 2014 8:59 AM

To:

Subject:

Dear

DHA have reviewed the issues raised in relation to mould and reimbursement due to mould damage in accordance with our complaints resolution process in the Defence Residential Agreement (DRA) and the tenant handbook. The issues raised have been reviewed by the National Service Delivery Manager for DHA and have found the following –

- 1. The decision not to cover the cost of goods via reimbursement stands.
- 2. No further works will be undertaken by DHA in relation to monitoring or remedial works.

The contractor has confirmed the air tested outside the property and tested in the main bedroom/ensuite area carried similar types of mould spores and concluded this is an environmental issue. The mould has not been caused by the design or failure in the property (eg leaking pipe) and is outside DHA's control.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. DHA has a commitment to resolving complaints in a timely manner. Unfortunately, on this occasion, DHA is not in a position to assist you further.

Regards,

**Darren Powell** | Regional Director Brisbane Region | Defence Housing Australia Tel: 07 3355 8847| Fax: 02 6222 2273 | Mob: darren.powell@dha.gov.au

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To: Subject:

**Good Morning** 

I have received your enquiry about making a claim to DHA regarding damages suffered to your personal items in the recent maintenance issues at your residence above.

Can you please advise the type of damages you will be seeking, and to what items? We will also require copies of receipts for any monies paid for treatment/replacement of items. We have been advised that the non-recoverable items were, Bed, Mattress, 2 x Bedside Tables, Pillows and Donna.

Once these details have been received we will be able to consider if any reimbursement if available.

Kind Regards

### **Andrea Sprott | Team Leader**

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From:

Sent:

Tuesday, 1 July 2014 10:37 AM

To:

Sprott, Andrea

Subject:

Reimbursement claim [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Attachments:

IMG.pdf; Claim for Reimbursement of Damaged Items.doc

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Andrea,

I have worked out the damages (attached) and attached a scan of the receipts where we have so far replaced the items. Please note the extra pillows and doona - this is due to the ones in the spare bedroom having been used earlier in the year in the main bedroom. It was not worth the risk in keeping them. Likewise, the decorative pillows (x3) were on the bed in the master bedroom. One pair of shoes was thrown away on the day of the initial assessment and two pairs were made unusable by the cleaning process. Likewise, there are two items of clothing that were aggressively cleaned and rendered unusable. I hope that all makes sense. Please contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



From:

**Sent:** Monday, 30 June 2014 20:09

To:

Subject: FW: claim

From

Sent: 30 June, 2014 2:13 PM

To:

Subject: claim

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Order #100205713 Order Date: 9 June 2014

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Set of 3 Souk Cushions

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## Claim for Reimbursement of Damaged Items,

Item	Cost
Queen Size Bed Frame	\$1,200.00
Bedside Cabinets (x2)	\$600.00
Mattress	\$2,058.00
Wool Wrap	\$76.00
Mohair Coat (Ladies)	\$500.00
Shoes (one pair, male)	\$100.00
Duvet (x2)	\$203.90
Shoes (two pair, female)	\$200.00
Pillows (Myer x2)	\$39.90
Pillows (ikea x 4)	\$27.96
Protective pillow Covers (standard x4)	\$40.00
Decorative Pillows (x3)	\$154.90
Total	\$5,300.66

## Sackley, Pip



To: Subject:

RE: moisture problems [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hil

Ongoing moisture monitoring is not something that DHA will be undertaking at this time. As mentioned once the whirly bird is in place we can revisit. I am sure through this process you have been given ongoing advise on ventilation on the property so I don't need to re-iterate that, but I will be touching base with you when the works are completed and have has a chance to perform.

Kind regards,

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Tel: 07 3355 8857 | Fax: 02 6222 2275
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From: (

Sent: Thursday, 10 July 2014 3:08 PM

To: McIntosh, Lesley

Subject: RE: moisture problems [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Leslie.

Thanks for the updat. Your approach to the mould sounds reasonable. Do we have a way of measuring moistrure levels. The contractors that were sent over were certainly able to detect high moisture levels. Are you thinking of a revisit once the whirly bird has had time to take effect?

Cheers,



From: McIntosh, Lesley [mailto:Lesley.McIntosh@dha.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 10 July 2014 14:16

To:

Cc: McIntosh, Lesley

**Subject:** RE: moisture problems [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]



I spoke with Andrea yesterday about the reimbursement, she stated it was with the senior manager. From past experience approvals of this nature are process driven and the Manager will contact you in due course. I understand this may be frustrating due the value involved, however I will be monitoring progress and when and if I have updates. I will contact you should I be able to provide further information during the process.

In relation to the whirly bird, we have had an extensive training session just yesterday in relation to this type of issue with the contractor that remediated your property. They do recommend in mould situations to do what we can to further ventilate. My ongoing management will be guided by you in relation to how well the issue is alleviated going forward, and will be happy to re-visit once the further works are carried out. Are you happy to go with this solution for now and revisit if need be?

Kind regards,

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From:

Sent: Thursday, 10 July 2014 2:04 PM

To: McIntosh, Lesley

Subject: RE: moisture problems [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Lesley.

I lack confidence that a whirly bird is going to have any significant effect. Passive removal of the moist air will mean that the bedroom is going to be vulnerable to moisture build up. Please pass up my concerns.

WRT the timer - no big issue - you can leave it unrepaired if you like. The oven is pretty ordinary and you might find yourself replacing it anyway in a couple of years.

Also, are you able to shed any light on the progress of the claim for reinburesemnt?

Thanks.



From: McIntosh, Lesley [mailto:Lesley.McIntosh@dha.gov.au]

**Sent:** Thursday, 10 July 2014 12:42

To:

**Subject:** RE: moisture problems [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good Afternoor

Thank you for the below email. I have immediately checked with the contract manager to enquire the status of the issue and I can report the following:

- There is a quote in the system for a whirly bird and roof flashings, once the quote has been returned by contractors the recommendation will be sent through to the Department of Defence, as owners of the property, for approval in order for works to commence.
- On another note, I notice in the system there is a pending work order to repair the timer to the oven, however it will be repaired when an appliance contractor needs to the attend the property as mentioned at the periodic inspection on the 19/05/2014. Should you wish to use the timer please let me know and I will send the job through.

On another note as your new property manager I will be monitoring each property at the consumer to ensure any maintenance is carried out in a timely manner, and ensure all outstanding/ ongoing issues are monitored to completion. I look forward to working with you should you need further assistance.

Please feel free to contact me at any time on the below details or on my mobile

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Kind regards,

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From:

Sent: Thursday, 10 July 2014 10:40 AM

To: McIntosh, Lesley

**Subject:** moisture problems [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Lesley,

Andrea organised a dha rep to attend at a second and investigate the potential causes of moisture in the master bedroom, and potential remedies. It has been a few weeks now. Any further on a COA? My recommendation was to duct the bathrooms to external eaves.

Cheers,



From: Sprott, Andrea [mailto:Andrea.Sprott@dha.gov.au]

**Sent:** Monday, 7 July 2014 16:30

To:

**Subject:** RE: Reimbursement claim [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Ні

My apologies on my delayed response. I have passed this over to our Maintenance Contract Managers to have a talk to and manage the contractor in relation to these works.

Also, your new property manager, Lesley McIntosh, will be looking in to your request for reimbursement. Lesley has taken over the management of as I have moved into a new position with in the office.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lesley on 07 3355 8800.

#### Kind Regards

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2014 2:39 PM

To: Sprott, Andrea

Subject: RE: Reimbursement claim [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Thanks Andrea.

Could you also please organise for remedial gardening work on the nature strip and barbecue area.

I notice that the contractor for this work has been very keen to do the extra work associated with transitions in the street. Meanwhile the weeds in the nature strip and barbecue area are flowering wonderfully. I reiterate our last discussion that he is continuing to ignore his contract with DHA. To the best of my knowledge he has weeded the nature strip twice in the last 2.5 years; the last time by destroying half of the plants in there. Please progress this email as a complaint against the contractor.

Cheers,



From: Sprott, Andrea [mailto:Andrea.Sprott@dha.gov.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2014 13:41

To:

Subject: RE: Reimbursement claim [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi David,

Thankyou for the attached. I have forwarded this information to the Property and Tenancy Manager to advise.

I will be in contact shortly with an outcome for you.

#### Kind Regards

## Andrea Sprott | Team Leader

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2014 10:37 AM

To: Sprott, Andrea

Subject: Reimbursement claim [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Andrea.

I have worked out the damages (attached) and attached a scan of the receipts where we have so far replaced the items. Please note the extra pillows and doona - this is due to the ones in the spare bedroom having been used earlier in the year in the main bedroom. It was not worth the risk in keeping them. Likewise, the decorative pillows (x3) were on the bed in the master bedroom. One pair of shoes was thrown away on the day of the initial assessment and two pairs were made unusable by the cleaning process. Likewise, there are two items of clothing that were aggressively cleaned and rendered unusable. I hope that all makes sense. Please contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Sent: Monday, 30 June 2014 20:09

Subject: FW: claim

From:

Sent: 30 June, 2014 2:13 PM

To: Subject: claim

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## Sackley, Pip

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RE: Potential for mould development,

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]



I have forwarded your email onto senior management for escalation. I believe they are going to determine best practise re: any possible humidity levels, and my manager as assured me he will be in contact with you as soon as he able to give you a guide.

Kind regards,

Lesley McIntosh | Property Manager
Brisbane HMC | Defence Housing Australia
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From:

Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2014 1:59 PM

To: McIntosh, Lesley

Subject: Potential for mould development,

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Hi Leslie,

Could you please provide an update on the intended remediation work to address humidity levels at Given that the current situation has the potential to develop into health issues, I would appreciate if this matter was resolved with more urgency.

Sincerely,



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## Sackley, Pip

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From:

Sent:

Tuesday, 20 May 2014 2:50 PM

To: Subject:

Sprott, Andrea

Hi Andrea,

I have inspected the above mentioned property and have discovered a potentially serious mould problem. I have taken samples (2 x Air, 1 x surface) for scientific clarification and will need to know ASAP whether I can send them away for analysis.

I have surmised that the problem appears to be high relative humidity levels inside the master bedroom, relative humidity was 66% as opposed to outside, 57%. Relative humidity levels should be below 60% inside to prevent mould growth. There were no signs of water damage and the walls were at normal levels (9-12 % WME).

I have informed the tenant that to prevent this from getting worse that they install a dehumidifier to reduce moisture levels in the air, but first the room will require a mould remediation clean and treatment and the bed and two bedside tables disposed as these items are heavily contaminated with mould.

I have also advised that they stay out of the room and keep the door shut due to health concerns. The tenant advised that her husband had suffered mould related symptoms from their previous address and that the bed and bedside tables did come from that address.

Can you please advise on further action.

Kind Regards,



My profiles: [1]

Sackley, Pip

6.

From:

Bond, Stephen

Sent:

Tuesday 7 October 2014 12:30 PM

To: Subject:

Dear

Mould in Ceiling

Following on from recent telephone calls, would it be possible to provide advice as to measures required to reduce the likelihood of mould in the ceiling space/ bedroom area?

DHA have proposed a whirlybird vent to ventilate the roof space? In your opinion would this be satisfactory in reducing the moister levels in the SR? If you have any other suggestions it would be appreciated or a contact for a suitable contractor who could recommend a solution.

I also need to confirm in writing the moisture reading provided by to DHA was a once off reading and could have been impacted by the time of the day, year or conditions within the property – Eg shower being used prior to reading.

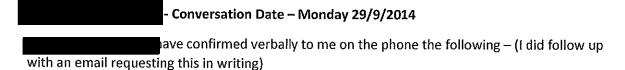
Regards,

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#### Correspondence with Contractors in relation to maintenance -



- 1. Moisture reading was taken on a specific day and not monitored over time. This reading can be effected by current climatic conditions & human interaction eg shower being used prior to test
- 2. There is a product that can be installed to monitor moisture permanently, confirmed this is not a tamper proof, only other option would be to monitor manually as required.
- 3. Confirmed ventilation to the roof space would assist in removing moisture and heat from the roof space.

#### – Monday 29/9/2014.

1. Spoke to service representative in relation to options for roof ventilation. Confirmed the difference between electronic and manual whirlybird options. Representative directed me to the Windmaster brand roof ventilations (Flyer Attached)

Provided an original quote to install a whirlybird on the roof. The tenant questioned the effectiveness of a whirlybird, Defence requested further information in relation to why the installation of the whirlybird is required and how the mould came to be in the property. DHA have followed up with and they have confirmed in their opinion this would be the most effective option to remove heat and moisture from the roof cavity.

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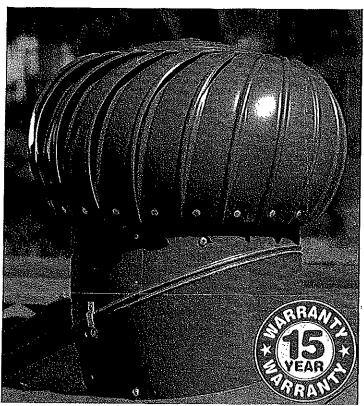
1. Spoke verbally to white in Brisbane in relation to the construction methods used in the properties as was involved in the planning and construction. There was no known reason in relation to construction methods that could have caused the high moisture. An email has been sent to guy to follow up 13/10/2014

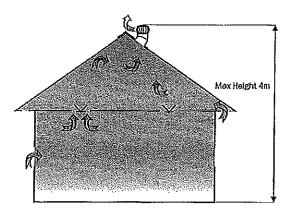
#### **Property Construction File**

DHA have reviewed the construction plans, drawings and certificates. A certificate is current for the insulation and sisulation installation for 9 O'Connell. Insulation has a 6 Star Rating.

The final inspection certificate is also present.

# VENTILATION FOR ROOFS UP





## WINDMASTER DTC

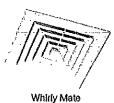
- · Expels hot air from your roof space in summer
- · Exhausts damp air from your roof space
- · Reduces air conditioning load
- · Helps reduce energy costs
- An inexpensive way to improve your comfort
- · Available in 25 Colours & Mill Finish
- · Constructed from light weight aluminium
- · Tested to Australian Standards
- Sultable for Installations up to 4m

## REMOVE THE HEAT

Insulation does a great job of slowing the transfer of heat between the roof space and the living space in your home. But on hot days, heat can still build up over time. When you consider that the heat inside your roof can reach over 70°C you can understand the tough job that insulation has to do. Edmonds roof ventilators reduce the roof-space heat build-up by expelling hot air which enables it to be replaced with ambient temperature air from outside. This allows your insulation to work far more effectively.

## IMPORTANCE OF AIR FLOW

In order to expel the heat and moisture from your roof space, it is essential that fresh, external air replaces the super heated air removed by your Windmasters. This can be achieved by installing at least FOUR under eave vents per ventilator. For the best results, and improved home comfort, the installation of Whirly Mates in the celling of your home allows hot air trapped in living spaces to escape, allowing cooler, fresh air to enter your home.







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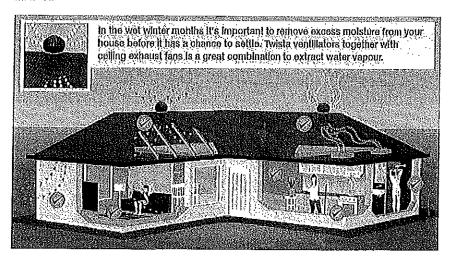
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#### Winter Benefits

The enemy of a healthy, comfortable home in winter is moisture, and the Twista roof ventilator is the eco-friendly solution to the problem of mould and mildew, as well as the deterioration of building materials.



#### Remove Moisture & Fight Mould

Mould thrives in cool, dark, damp conditions, which is what winter is all about. It is an unsightly problem, but can have more serious implications; mould in your home can produce allergic reactions and respiratory problems. Some moulds produce mycotoxins that can pose serious, potentially lethal, health risks to your family.

Removing moisture is the key to preventing the growth of mould. In our bathrooms and kitchens we usually do this with the use of extractor fans, which remove steam from the room, keeping it dry. The result, however, is abundant moisture in the roof cavity, and on the ceiling; add to this the condensation that forms with the roof cavity during winter frosts, and you have a perfectly, dark, cool, and wet place for mould to flourish.

The Twista roof ventilator prevents this build up of moisture from steam and condensation by removing it as it enters the roof space, resulting in less mould, and a healthier atmosphere in your home!

Sackley, Pip

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From:

Bond, Stephen

Sent:

Thursday, 25 September 2014 3:30 PM

To:

'DRHM.SQ'

Subject:

- Dispute

Dear

Following on from our meeting yesterday, I have spoken to head office.

To further consider the claim, they have requested a formalised (in writing) DRHM position in relation to the reimbursement and mould issues in the property.

If you need access to any further documentation please let me know

Regards,

**Stephen Bond** | Regional Property & Tenancy Manager Brisbane Housing Management Centre | Defence Housing Australia Highpoint Plaza Ground Floor Suites 3-6 240 Waterworks Road Ashgrove Qld 4060 Phone: 139 342| Fax: 02 6222 2275 <a href="mailto:stephen.bond@dha.gov.au">stephen.bond@dha.gov.au</a> | www.dha.gov.au</a>

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## Sackley, Pip

From:

<drhm.sg@defence.gov.au>

Sent:

Wednesday, 8 October 2014 8:03 AM

To:

Bond, Stephen

Cc: Subject: McWatters, Georgie; DSG-DSO-GEBS-Relocations and Housing FW: Information - Mould [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Attachments:

- Analytical Report.pdf;

4051; Mould pdf; RE;

■ Mould Issue

on behalf of DRHM.SQ

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]; Recoverable Contents Report -

pdf; Total Loss

Report -

#### **UNCLASSIFIED**

Good morning Stephen,

Thanks for your patience with this,

I have read all the supporting reports and the members claim, and at the end of the day, I can only apply the reasonable person test, as I mentioned to you and Georgie.

I agree there are many variables with actual cause of the mould and its affects on personal property and the living conditions of the SR into the future.

So I would be having all methods of extraction installed without delay, review possible additional ventilation and have some programmed review of the previous mould affected areas for the next two years.

Compensability to the member for FPE losses, is never an easy matter; , but given how the mould was found and the urgency to remove it and dispose of items; I would reasonably think what he is claiming and the evidence he has provided and the likelihood of reoccurrence of the mould had he not disposed of the items, I would reimburse the total amount.

I would strongly suggest, as the treatment is completed for the actual mould removal, that you install the ventilation and extraction devices as soon as possible and document all that has been put into place and monitor this issue regularly throughout the changing seasons..

regards

Defence Relocations & Housing Manager - Queensland Defence Support and Reform Group

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From: Bond, Stephen [mailto:Stephen.Bond@dha.gov.au] Sent: Monday, 29 September 2014 17:16

To: DRHM.SQ

Cc: McWatters, Georgie

Subject: Mould



Please see attached information relating to the mould.

In relation to the recoverable report and loss report, do not take any chances, even if there is no mould present, these items will be washed and returned, or thrown out if they could have had mould on them - Eg bed

who confirmed the 66% moisture reading was taken on one visit, no other testing was undertaken. Factors including a shower being used or the time of the day/weather conditions can effect this reading.

All other properties have been inspected with no further indication of mould issues

Any questions let me know.

Regards,

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# RECOVERABLE CONTENTS REPORT

Prepared On: June 04, 2014

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June 04, 2014

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# **SHED INVENTORY**

Total # of Items: 73



#	Item	Box	Description	Condition	Qty
1	00036		Skins and underwear	Recoverable	4
2	00089		Jumper Womens Dress	Recoverable	1
3	00022		Leggings and Beanie	Recoverable	7
4	00068		Pant and tshirt	Recoverable	2
5	00076		Dresses	Recoverable	5
6	00027		Clothing in bags	Recoverable	1
7	00052		Pant, pj, and short	Recoverable	4
8	00031		Belt and money belt	Recoverable	1
9	00078		Sarong	Recoverable	5
11	00032		Stockings	Recoverable	6
12	00087		Business suit	Recoverable	2
13	00073		Blouses	Recoverable	3
15	00061		Blouses	Recoverable	6
16	00035		Shoes in bag and clothing	Recoverable	4
17	88000		Long sleeve polo shirt	Recoverable	7
18	00024		Jumper and shirt	Recoverable	5
19	00060		Cargo Girls Pants	Recoverable	1
20	00038		Sports pants and short	Recoverable	2
21	00033		Womens Lingerie	Recoverable	1
22	00047		Tshirts	Recoverable	10
23	00029		Polo Mens Shirt	Recoverable	4
24	00023		Mix polo and shirts	Recoverable	9
25	00075		Jacket and cardigan	Recoverable	2

#	Item	Box	Description	Condition	Qty
26	00064		Cargo Girls Pants	Recoverable	1
27	00077		Mix items	Recoverable	5
28	00026		Men's shirt	Recoverable	5
29	00046		Sports shirt	Recoverable	3
30	00092		Polo Shirt	Recoverable	8
31	00083		Ladies pants	Recoverable	7
32	00021		Socks and beanie	Recoverable	11
33	00085		Women clothing	Recoverable	6
34	00054		Handkerchief	Recoverable	10
35	00082		Dress	Recoverable	1
36	00079		Scarves	Recoverable	13
37	00081		Pants and tops	Recoverable	4
38	00090		Pants	Recoverable	7
39	00051		Jumper, and tshirts	Recoverable	5
40	00070		Long pants	Recoverable	2
41	00066		Skirt	Recoverable	1
42	00053		Jumpers	Recoverable	4
43	00030		Mix socks and stockings in red bag	Recoverable	19
44	00055		Bras and camisole	Recoverable	16
45	00058		Skirts and blouses	Recoverable	7
46	00045		Shorts	Recoverable	2
47	08000		Mix clothing	Recoverable	22
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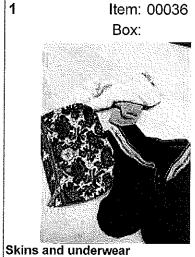
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54	00040		Business suit	Recoverable	2
55	00044		Tshirts	Recoverable	8
56	00086		Blouses	Recoverable	6
57	00072		Gown	Recoverable	1
58	00037		Ties and belt	Recoverable	5
59	00028		Polo shirt and tshirts	Recoverable	12
60	00059		Blouses	Recoverable	8
61	00041		Shorts	Recoverable	4
62	00042		Jumper and tshirts	Recoverable	4
63	00065		Dresses	Recoverable	6
64	00069		Jumpers	Recoverable	3
65	00057		Socks and underwear	Recoverable	18
66	00049		Garments organizer	Recoverable	1
67	00050		Hankies, bag, socks and beanie	Recoverable	7
68	00084		Blouse Womens Shirt	Recoverable	2
69	00025		Polo Mens Shirt	Recoverable	2
70	00017		Men's watch	Recoverable	1
71	00067		Polo Mens Shirt	Recoverable	4
72	00063		Skirts	Recoverable	4
73	00071		Long pants	Recoverable	1

## Recoverable Contents Report - SHED INVENTORY - Item List

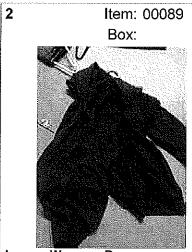
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#	Item	Box	Description	Condition	Qty
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76	00056		Sarong and dresses	Recoverable	4

## Item Details - SHED INVENTORY



Quantity: 4



Item: 00076

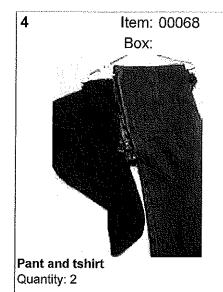
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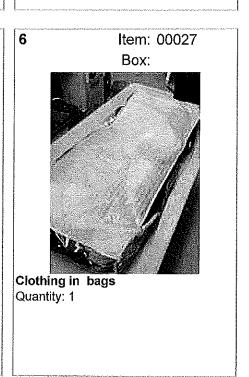
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Leggings and Beanie Quantity: 7



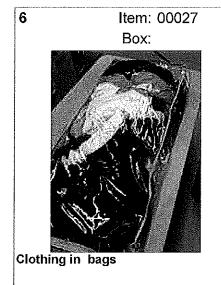


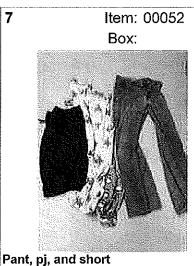


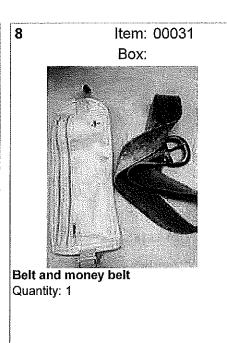
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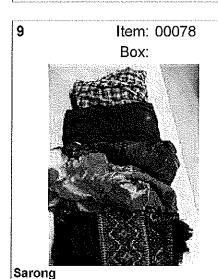
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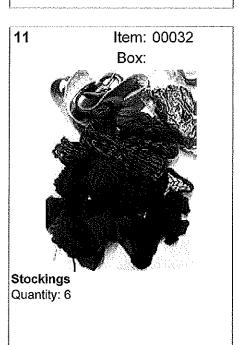


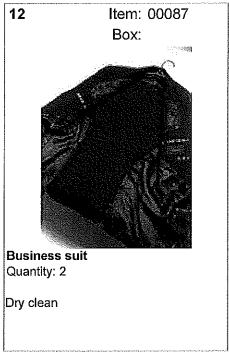


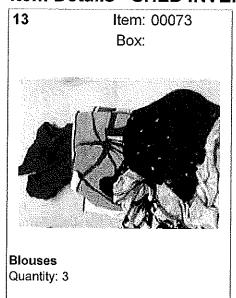


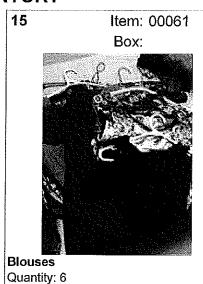


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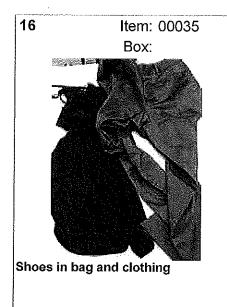


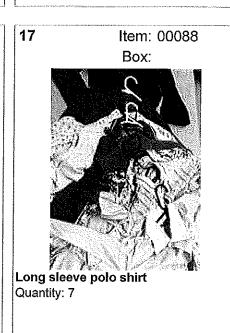




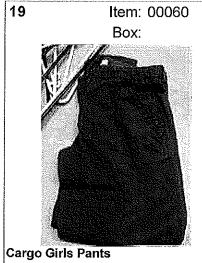


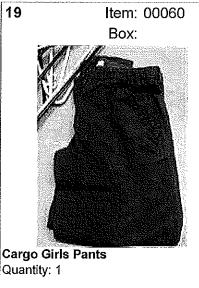


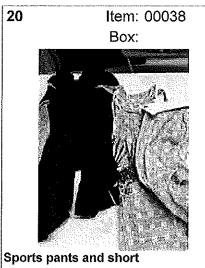




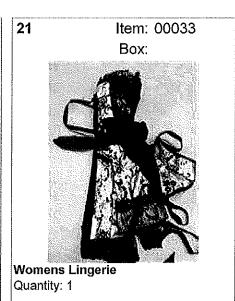


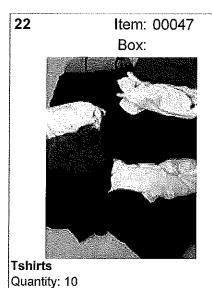


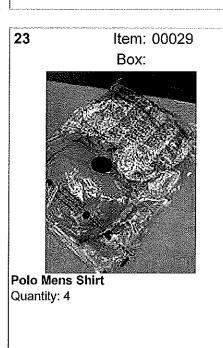


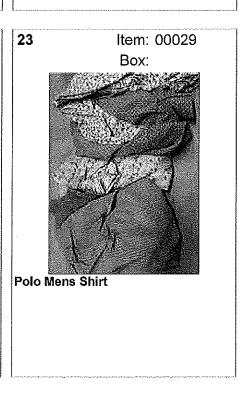


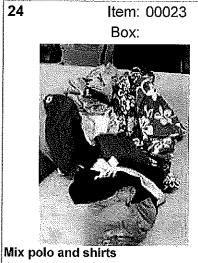


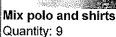


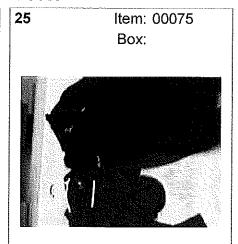




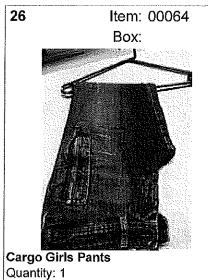








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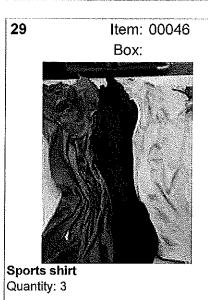
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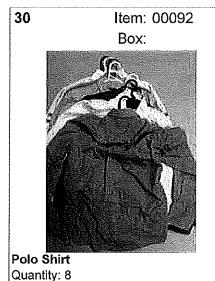


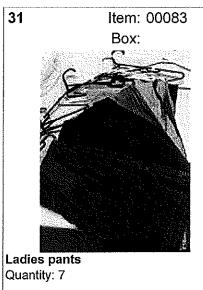
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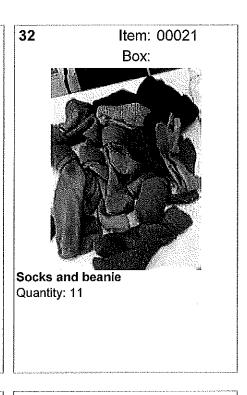


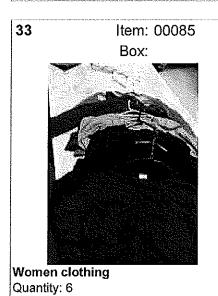
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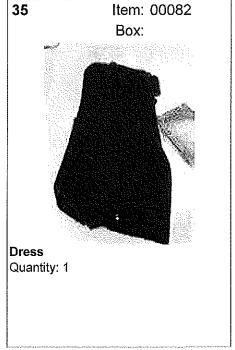


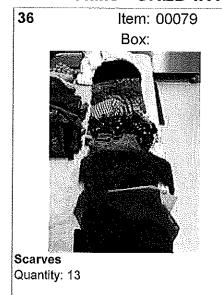






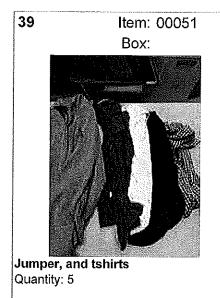




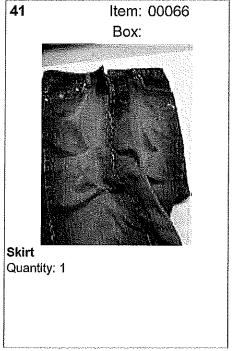


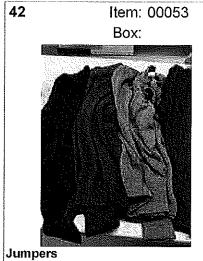




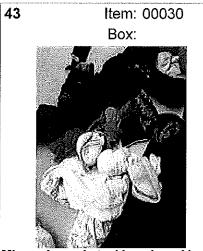








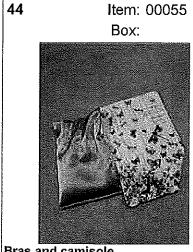


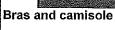


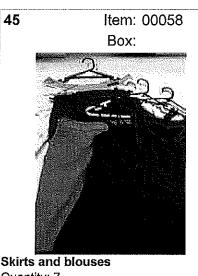
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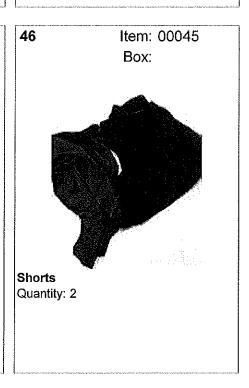
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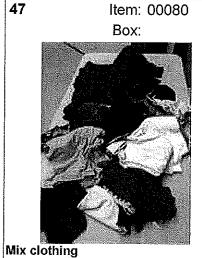




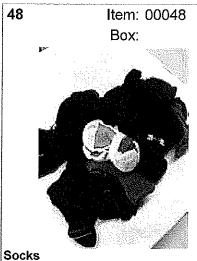


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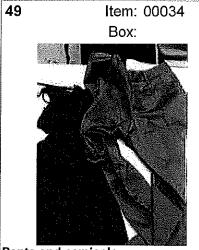




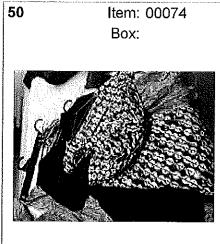
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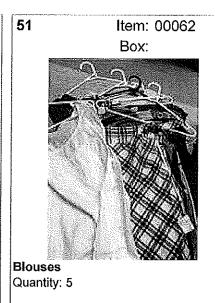
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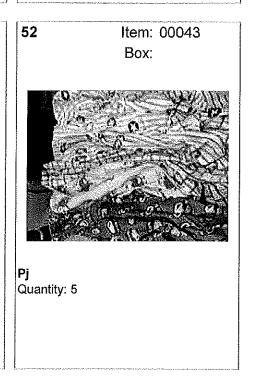


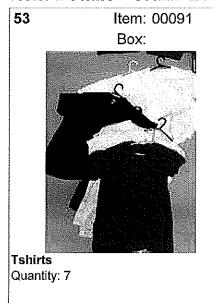
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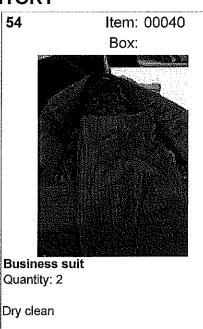


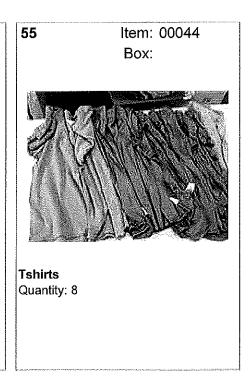
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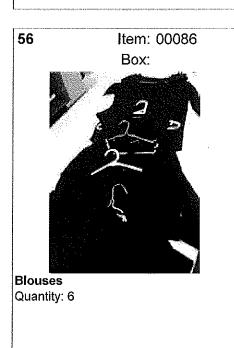


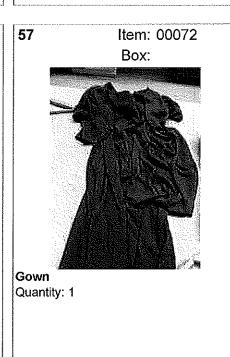


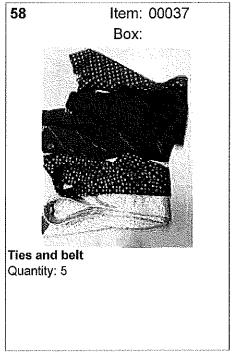


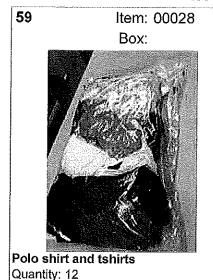


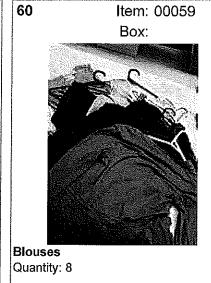


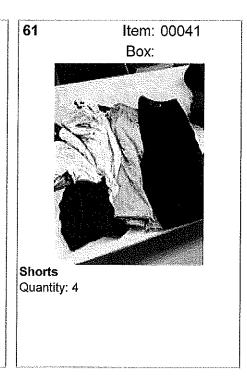


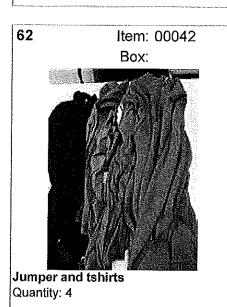




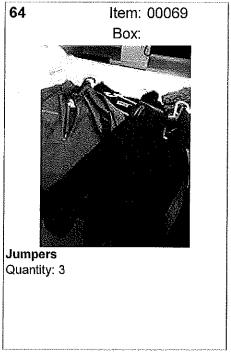


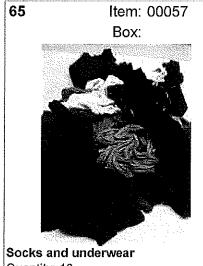




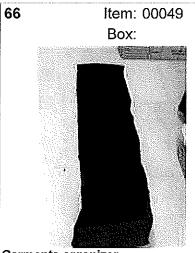




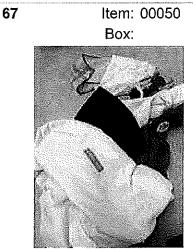




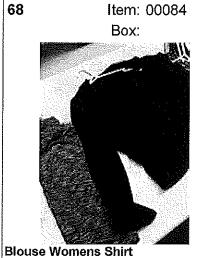
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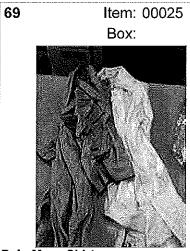
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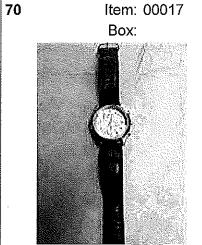
Hankies, bag, socks and beanie Quantity: 7



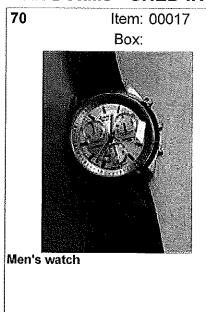
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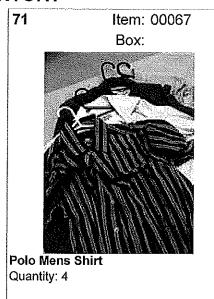


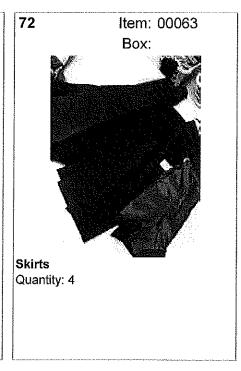
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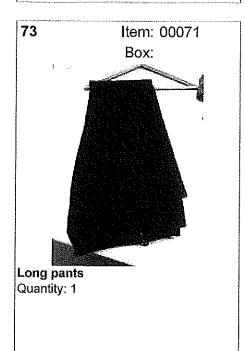


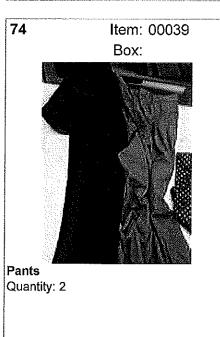
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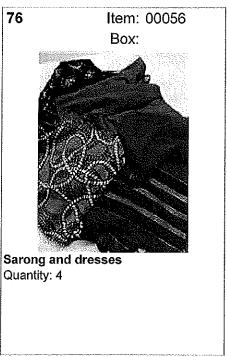










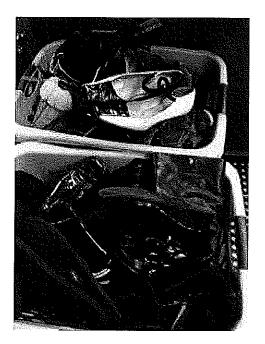


# Recoverable Contents Report - SHED INVENTORY - Notes

June 04, 2014

# **Notes - SHED INVENTORY**

#	Item	Description	Notes	Pre-Existing Conditions
12	00087	Business suit	Dry clean	
16	00035	Shoes in bag and clothing	Tag red	
54	00040	Business suit	Dry clean	



**Shoes** 

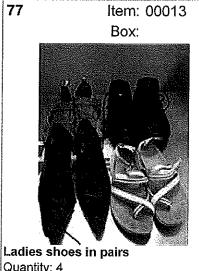
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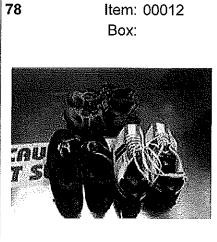
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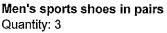
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77	00013		Ladies shoes in pairs	Recoverable	4
78	00012		Men's sports shoes in pairs	Recoverable	3
79	00007		Ladies in pairs	Recoverable	4
80	00009		Ladies shoes in pairs	Recoverable	4
81	00004		Ladies shoes in pairs	Recoverable	1
82	00005		Ladies shoes in pair	Recoverable	1
83	00001		Men's shoes I'm pair	Recoverable	2
84	00002		Men's shoes in pair	Recoverable	1
85	00011		Boots in pairs	Recoverable	2
86	00014		House shoe in pairs and 1 odd boots	Recoverable	1
87	00006		Men's shoes in pairs	Recoverable	4
88	80000		Ladies in pairs	Recoverable	4
89	00003		Ladies shoes in pair	Recoverable	1
90	00010		Thong Womens Shoes in pairs	Recoverable	3
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92	00016		Shoes bags	Recoverable	4

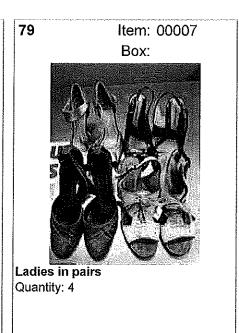
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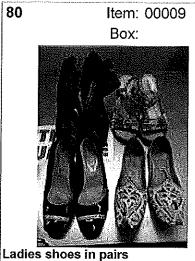


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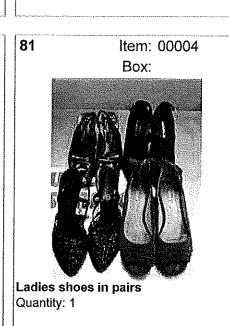


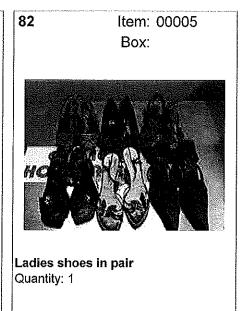




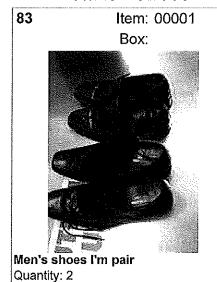


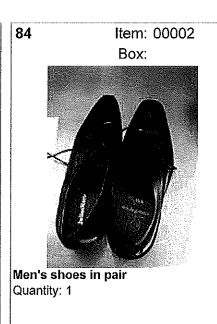
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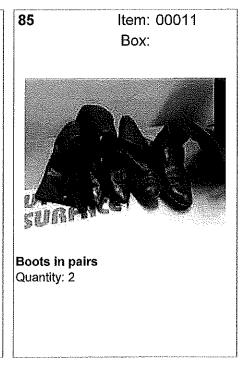


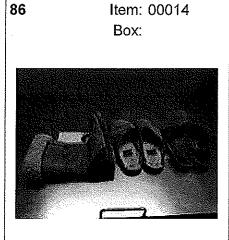


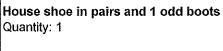
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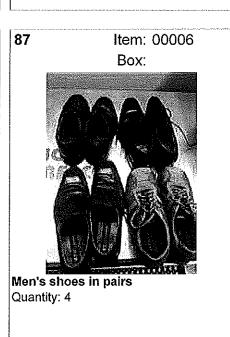


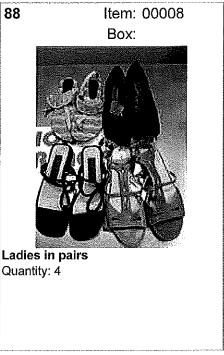




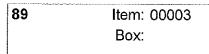






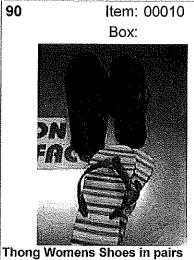


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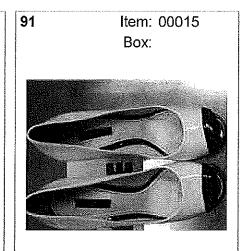




Ladies shoes in pair Quantity: 1



Thong Womens Shoes in pairs Quantity: 3



Ladies shoes in pair Quantity: 1

92 Item: 00016 Box:



Shoes bags Quantity: 4

**Job #NL 1668** 

# Total Loss Report

Prepared On: June 06, 2014



## Total Loss Report - SHED INVENTORY

June 06, 2014

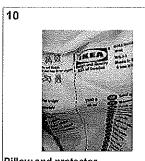
## SHED INVENTORY

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#	Description	Qty	Unit	Brand	Model	Serial#	Place of Purchase	-	Original Cost	
10	Pillow and protector	2	EA					***************************************	\$0.00	Mould affected. Unable to clean
14	Pillow and protector	2	EA						\$0.00	Mould affected. Unable to clean
75	Queen size quilt	1	EA						\$0.00	Mould affected, Unable to clean
93	Bed Side Tables	2	EA						\$0,00	
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95	Bedside tables	2	EA						\$0.00	
96	Mattress	1	EA						\$0.00	

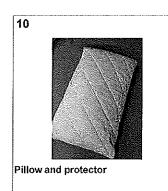
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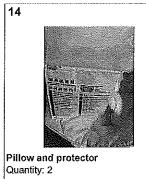


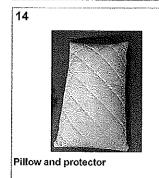
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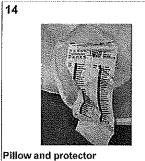


Pillow and protector







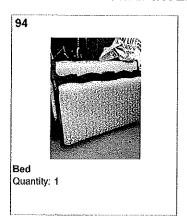




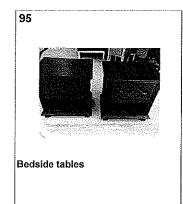
75 Queen size quilt

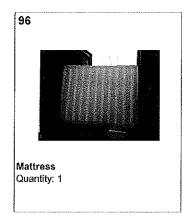
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#### **Item Photos - SHED INVENTORY**











#### Sackley, Pip

From:

Wilks, Justine

Sent:

Thursday, 6 November 2014 12:06 PM

To:

Wilks, Justine

Subject:

FW: Mould -

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From:

Sent: Monday, 20 October 2014 1:06 PM

To

Cc: Wilks, Justine

Subject: FW: Mould -

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G'day

FYI.

My apologies for leaving you off the original email.

Cheers,

Assist.Contract Manager, Service Agreement Directorate Relocations & Housing CP1-5-097 Campbell Park Offices, ACT 2600

Tel: 02

Fax: 02

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From:

Sent: Monday, 20 October 2014 11:41

To: 'Wilks, Justine'

Cc: 'O'Connell, Melissa';

Subject: RE: Mould - 9

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Hi Jus,

DRH has not sighted evidence to date that substantiates the mould episode at as being a Defence responsibility. Clearly, this position is based on the understanding of advice that DHA has taken all reasonable steps including testing & investigations, to determine that the service residence is not a contribution factor in this case. If this is confirmed, DRH advises DHA to avoid making an offer or statement that constitutes admission of liability. The member may escalate his case to the JHARC if he feels he has a strong enough case with sufficient supporting evidence. Cheers, Assist.Contract Manager, Service Agreement Directorate Relocations & Housing CP1-5-097 Campbell Park Offices, ACT 2600 From: O'Connell, Melissa Sent: Monday, 20 October 2014 9:13 AM Cc: Wilks, Justine; Petrelli, John Subject: Mould -Good morning and As discussed on Friday attached please find all correspondence on the mould case at Can you please come back to DHA confirming Defence's recommendation / position. << Message: FW: Information - Mould [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED] >> << Message: FW: Mould at Regards Mel Mel O'Connell | Assistant Contract Manager **Property & Tenancy Services** 

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To: Gilmour, Scott Subject: Re:	2014 7.40 AW	
No problems Scott.	<del></del>	
On Fri, Jul 11, 201 Thanks	4 at 7:39 AM, Gilmour, Scott < <u>scott.</u> § 	gilmour@dha.gov.au> wrote:
The exhaust fans a	aren't ducted external.	
We are in the proceed bathroom.	cess of getting defence to approve the	install of a whirly bird over the ensuite and
it to them our argu		ompensation (around 5k) and we don't want to give he street with an issue. Pretty much every single yout and faces the same way.
If it's ok with you he maybe able to o		o our regional manager and if he has any questions
Thanks		*
	Aaintenance Contract Manager Management Centre   Defence Housi	ng Australia
Tel: <u>07 3355 8849</u>	Fround Floor Suites 3-6 240 Waterwork   Fax: 02 6222 2267   Mob: a.gov.au   www.dha.gov.au	ks Road, ASHGROVE QLD 4060
Ipswich Housing	to Ipswich, Toowoomba or Gold Co Management Centre   Fax: <u>07 3294 2660</u>	oast please contact:
-	u can track the progress of your log Online Services Available 24 hours	

Hi Scott,

On 10 Jul 2014, at 5:14 pm,

Sent from my iPad

> wrote:

I can't say for certain about contaminated contents being brought into the property, however the tenant did inform me during the inspection that they had come from a previously water damaged building.

As for the building there is a problem with the relative humidity inside the master bedroom which was 66%. A dehumidifier will solve the problem but I would probably check the venting in the bathroom to see if it is ducted externally, which may be the underlying issue. The tenant informed me that the window in the ensuite is kept open all the time so I don't think it is because of lack of ventilation.

Hope this helps.

Regards,

On Thu, Jul 10, 2014 at 3:57 PM, Gilmour, Scott <scott.gilmour@dha.gov.au> wrote:

Hi

Mate thanks for the demonstration yesterday, one of the property managers have already used some of the info to address an issue with a tenant.

If you can cast your mind back to the above property we are requiring a bit more info re the mould concerns at this house.

I know that you probably can't determine the exact cause of the mould but would you lean more towards the issue being mould bought into the house or an issue with the house.

We are looking at doing some works that would help alleviate further issues at the house, however as these houses are owned by department of defence (and they will be paying for it) we need to give them as much info as possible re potential cause, possible remedial works and preventative works.

Thanks

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