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13<sup>th</sup> August 2006

Dear Mr Brennan,

### PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA (PJM) DUAL NATIONALITY - THE RIGHT TO WEAR THE PJM

With reference to our Rebuttal (of the 31<sup>st</sup> January Ministerial Statement on the PJM) dated 21st June and in particular the section "*Dual Nationality*", and the "*Summary of Key Points*" that was attached to my covering letter to that Rebuttal, I write to seek clarification on the Dual Nationality issue.

I have been told that the Queen approved the PJM in respect of British citizens "*on condition that it is not worn*". There are no exclusions - no exceptions.

The Cabinet Office has stated that British citizens who have Dual Nationality may wear the PJM. The case quoted was an ex-serviceman who, after his PJM service, had emigrated to Australia and had taken on Australian nationality whilst retaining his British nationality.

You will appreciate my reason for writing. It would appear that there may be a set of rules that discriminates as between British citizens (who are also potentially British taxpayers).

I would be grateful if you could point me at the legislation or 'rules' that provide for this particular discrimination which was not mentioned in the Ministerial Statement of the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

*I very much hope that this 'anomaly' or 'discrimination' will be taken into account when considering the Rebuttal, the Ministerial Statement and the recommendation.* Would it not be more equitable to release the formal permission that is currently being withheld - formal permission for all British citizens to wear this medal with the Queen's approval?

I very much hope that you have this information in mind when considering our case put to you in the Rebuttal and also in our Petition to the Queen.

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course.

Thank you.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



Barry Fleming