# IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

No. S243 of 2015

## BETWEEN: MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION Appellant

and

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA FILED 18 DEC 2015 THE REGISTRY SYDNEY

BENJAMIN JAMES EDWARD MAY Respondent

## APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

#### Part I: Internet publication

1. This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

### Part II: Chronology

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Date	Event	Reference
6 November 1998	The Respondent enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force ( <b>RAAF</b> )	
10 November 1998	The Respondent received Twinrix vaccination	
Ensuing period	The Respondent alleged that	
	(1) 30 to 60 minutes after the vaccination, the roof of his mouth and his tongue began to feel strange, and his tongue felt bigger and swollen	
	(2) over the next few days, he felt nausea and stomach discomfort	
	(3) within a week, he was struggling to attend work though he was still passing physical fitness tests	
	(4) on 24 November 1998, he reported sick but still went on a training exercise with other cadets to the Grampians, despite suffering diarrhoea	
	(5) over the next few months, his fitness began to decline – his teeth became sore, his glands were swollen, he had headaches,	

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	he experienced a feeling of disequilibrium (which he described as an incorrect perception of the spatial environment)	
29 November 2002	The Respondent lodged a claim with the Appellant for compensation under the <i>Safety, Rehabilitation</i> & <i>Compensation Act 1988</i> (Cth) (the <b>SRC Act</b> ) for "low immunity, fatigue, illnesses, dizziness – immune system/whole body" allegedly caused by vaccinations received in the course of his employment by the RAAF	
11 March 2003	The Appellant denied the Respondent's claim for compensation under the SRC Act	
30 July 2004	The Respondent was discharged from the RAAF	44
22 April 2010	The Appellant decided to reconsider and affirm its decision made on 11 March 2003	
21 September 2010	The Respondent lodged an application for review of the Appellant's decision dated 22 April 2010 with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (the <b>Tribunal</b> )	
14 December 2011	The Tribunal decided to affirm the Appellant's decision dated 22 April 2010	
14 November 2013	The Respondent applied to the Federal Court of Australia for an extension of time within which to appeal from the Tribunal's decision of 14 December 2011	
20 December 2013	Justice Buchanan granted an extension of time for the Respondent to appeal from the Tribunal's decision of 14 December 2011	901 I
3 April 2014	Hearing before Buchanan J	
30 April 2014	Justice Buchanan dismissed the Respondent's appeal	
19 May 2014	The Respondent appealed against Buchanan J's judgment (proceeding NSD485/2014)	
19-20 February 2015	Hearing before a Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia	
30 June 2015	The Full Court allowed the Respondent's appeal in proceeding NSD485/2014	

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Date	Event	Reference
27 July 2015	The Appellant filed an application for special leave to appeal to the High Court of Australia from the judgment of the Full Court	
13 November 2015	The High Court granted the Appellant's application for special leave	

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