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Administrative Appeals Tribunal

BRISBANE REGISTRY

Our Ref: 2007/1773

10 July 2007

Mr Russell Mathews
254 Hawken Drive
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Dear Mr Mathews

APPLICANT: ~~Mr Russell Mathews~~

RESPONDENT: Secretary, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

I refer to your email dated 3 July 2007 in response to my letter to you dated 29 June 2007.

In respect of your complaint about Peter Stirk's handling of your matter, the nature of your request was one that the Tribunal had not received before and there was no policy for dealing with such a request. The requirement for you to provide evidence of insurance cover in respect of your dogs was made by Mr Stirk out of an abundance of caution. However on review this is not something that the Tribunal will require from you. I apologise for any distress this request may have caused you. There is nothing further I can usefully add to what I have already said regarding this part of your complaint.

In respect of your concern about a face to face or telephone conference, the conference process is designed to address the anxiety and stress many applicants experience when asked to appear before the Tribunal without representation. The conference registrar will take time to explain the hearing process to you and make the necessary directions to ensure that the matter is ready for hearing. You will be given an opportunity to speak and ask questions. You will not be expected to make any decisions at the conference.

Please let me know within 14 days whether or not you want to participate in a conference, either face to face or by telephone. If you prefer you can decline to participate in the conference process and the matter will proceed to a hearing and determination.

Yours sincerely

Heather Baldwin
District Registrar