

SUGGESTED REPLY

I refer to your earlier inquiry regarding this Department's policy pertaining to the sexual preference of personnel in the Canadian Forces.

Canadian Forces policy in respect of homosexual activity is not based solely upon the question of sexual orientation or preference, but rather upon the "raison d'être" of the Canadian Forces. I enclose, for your information, a copy of a Briefing Note on this subject which reflects the views of authorities in both this Department and the Canadian Forces. It expresses the policy, addresses the ^{main} reasons for the policy, and has my full support in the present circumstances.

I thank you for your interest in this matter and trust you will continue to rely on my cooperation, whenever possible, in the future.

↳ fact that homosexuality presents an a bona fide ^{operational} occupational impediment. ~~It is not possible to~~ It is not possible to fully utilize homosexuals to meet the exigencies of the Service and it is necessary to do all we can to preserve the effectiveness and operational capabilities of the CF.

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