

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM


20 Aug 52

DPA

Draft Policy Letter on Homosexuality

1 Your draft on the above subject has been reviewed and it is desired to make the following comments:

- (a) This policy letter appears to disregard the fact that a homosexual or indecent act is an offence against the criminal code. If the service disregards this fact by merely administratively discharging the personnel against whom we have a Prima Facie case, we are in effect condoning the offence. Such condonance is tantamount to going behind the back of the Canadian Parliament by disregarding the statute passed by them dealing with homosexuality.
- (b) Your draft policy letter appears to create a situation where the publicity attached to a homosexual act decides whether it is culpable. To institute disciplinary proceedings against only those personnel who commit homosexual acts accompanied by wide publicity creates a situation where what is sauce for the goose is not equally sauce for the gander. This is equivalent to judging the culpability by the amount of publicity attached to an offence.

  
(SA Bascom) S/L  
for DAFS

A0051882\_1-003973