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**Subject:** Incidental Claims for Volunteers

Justin,

Assistant Commissioner Neil Gallant has asked me to reply to your email on his behalf. Volunteers returning from deployment may have mistakenly been given TMS claim forms along with other returning QFRS staff. This may have led them to believe they could make an incidentals claim.

Rural Fire Brigade volunteers do not have the ability to claim incidentals when on deployment. The incidental allowance is part of the award conditions for paid staff of QFRS. This covers things like newspapers or toothpaste) when paid staff are sent away overnight. Volunteers are not covered under an award and there is no provision for a volunteer to claim out of pocket expenses except as detailed in the attached business rule and form from the Rural Fire Brigade Manual.

Volunteers are supplied with transport, food and drink and amenities while on deployment. If volunteers are asking for further items to be supplied (e.g. newspapers) QFRS are more than happy to discuss the provision of any identified requirements.

I trust this addresses your question.

**Regards**

**Acting Chief Superintendent**

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