

12 November 1999

DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

MATTER NO. 9 OF 1999

ADF ENTERPRISE PRODUCTIVITY ARRANGEMENT 1999 - 2002

Statement

This matter relates to a proposed three year Enterprise Productivity Arrangement for the Australian Defence Force. The Tribunal has heard submissions from the Australian Defence Force and the Commonwealth and from the intervenors, the Returned and Services League of Australia and the Armed Forces Federation of Australia, on 11 and 12 November 1999. The Tribunal has raised various issues for consideration relating to the Arrangement and will publish a decision on this matter in due course.

However the Tribunal indicates that we are prepared to make determinations to give effect to the salary increases and adjustments to pay related allowances over the period of the Arrangement. The first pay increase of 3 per cent will apply on and from 11 November 1999, the date which is proposed in the Arrangement.

The Tribunal notes that as part of the Arrangement there will be various changes to Isolated Establishment Allowance, which is an allowance determined under Section 58B of the Defence Act 1903 and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal. The Tribunal also notes that the changes to this allowance, including eligibility conditions, are to apply from 12 November 1999.

The Tribunal recognises the substantial effort which has been put into the development of the Arrangement and the consultation process by Australian Defence Force personnel and congratulates all those who have been associated with this effort.