

15 May 2001

DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

MATTER NO. 19 OF 2000

PARATROOPER ALLOWANCE

Statement

In light of the further submissions in this matter acknowledging and meeting our concerns we are prepared to approve the payments sought by the ADF and supported by the Commonwealth for High Altitude Parachute Operations.

In reaching this conclusion we considered the submissions of the Armed Forces Federation but are of the view that the ADF proposals are appropriate.

We also note that in addressing the Tribunal's concerns in respect of Special Action Forces Allowance the ADF has advised that it has initiated an internal review of the allowance.

The rates for HAPO as previously indicated will take effect on and from 1 February 2001. The parties are to prepare a draft Determination within seven days incorporating the terms of our decision today.