

DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ALLOWANCE

MATTER NO 14 OF 2003

STATEMENT

THE ADF HAS SOUGHT CHANGES TO THE EXISTING LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ALLOWANCE DETERMINATION.

THE ADF IS SEEKING:

- PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF LPA IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A MEMBERS QUALIFIES AT THE LOWER LEVEL OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY; AND
- ENTITLEMENT TO PAYMENT OF LPA FOR A MEMBER WITH SKILLS IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED.

THE ADF PROPOSAL WAS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE ARMED FORCES FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.

HAVING REGARD TO THE EVIDENCE AND SUBMISSIONS WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE CHANGES SOUGHT ARE JUSTIFIED. WE HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ALLOWANCE.

CHANGES TO THE ALLOWANCE WILL APPLY ON AND FROM THE FIRST PAY PERIOD COMMENCING AFTER TODAY. THE PARTIES SHOULD PREPARE AN APPROPRIATE DETERMINATION AND PROVIDE IT TO THE TRIBUNAL SECRETARIAT WITHIN 7 DAYS.