

**DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

**MATTER 15 of 2004**

**NAVY MEDICAL GRADE 4 ALLOWANCE**

**STATEMENT**

In this matter the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is seeking an interim Decision in regard to the Navy Medical Grade 4 Allowance. The changes sought are:

- Retitle the allowance as Navy Medical Grades (Additional Responsibility) Allowance;
- Extend eligibility for the allowance to Medical Grade 3 sailors and Underwater Medics who are filling the senior medical sailor positions on board Minehunter coastal vessels and submarines; and
- Remove eligibility for the allowance for Petty Officer Medics posted to HMAS CRESWELL from 15 January 2005.

We note that it is the ADF's intention to review fully the work of these categories in the fundamental review of ADF medical categories in 2005. We encourage the ADF to progress the matter with minimum delay.

Having heard the submissions and evidence we have decided to approve the interim provisions as sought by the ADF. The date of effect for these changes will be on and from 2 December 2004. A new determination will issue accordingly.

The parties should prepare an appropriate determination and provide it to the DFRT Secretariat within 7 days.