

**DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

**MATTER NO 16 OF 2004**

**FLYING ALLOWANCE**

**STATEMENT**

At the conclusion of submissions the Tribunal reserved its decision on Flying Allowance, noting that the parties sought guidance relevant to the RRP hearing on 7 December. Accordingly, we comment now only on qualification and skill issues for officers.

Having considered the evidence and submissions, we accept that the time-based structure of the allowance is appropriate to the progression of skills. Similarly, the Tribunal accepts that it is appropriate to pay the same level of allowance to officer aircrew within each time bracket. While we have not yet concluded a view, we recognize the difficulty of acceding to the Commonwealth's submissions to split the allowance.