

## **Australian Government**

## **Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal**

## STATEMENT

Defence Act 1903

s.58H(2)(a)—Determination of the salaries and relevant allowances to be paid to members

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS – ELECTRONIC WARFARE

(Matter 10 of 2014)

THE HON. A. HARRISON, PRESIDENT

THE HON. A. BEVIS, MEMBER

CANBERRA, 12 NOVEMBER 2014

BRIGADIER W. ROLFE, AO (Ret'd), MEMBER

- [1] This statement concerns an application by the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to streamline four Royal Australian Corps of Signals (RASIGS) employment categories and rename the resulting two categories. The ADF also sought to remove redundant RASIGS skill grades at the Warrant Officer Class 1 (WO1) level.
- [2] The ADF submission proposed to merge the 'Electronic Warfare Operator Language' and 'Electronic Warfare Operator Technical Signals' categories and rename them 'Electronic Warfare Operator'. The ADF also sought to merge the 'Electronic Warfare Detachment Commander Language' and 'Electronic Warfare Detachment Commander Technical Signals' and rename them 'Electronic Warfare Detachment Commander'.
- [3] The ADF also proposed to remove five redundant skill grades under the WO1 Tier C pay grade 8 structure being; Manager Bearer Systems, Manager Communications, Manager Electronic Warfare, and Manager Telecommunications Systems. The ADF submitted that these skill grades have never been utilised by the Army under the pay structure and there is no intent to use them.

- [4] The Commonwealth supported the ADF submission in its entirety and the matter was considered by the Tribunal on papers.
- [5] We accept that this is an administrative matter with no net pay alterations and is, in effect, simply a streamlining process with name changes only. We also note the proposed changes will have no effect on duties or roles of the categories, no pay grade change for any individuals, and no implications for any other employment categories.
- [6] We will issue Determination 10 of 2014 giving effect to this decision.