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**Police Overseas Service (Territories of
Papua and New Guinea) Medal Bill 2011**

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(Mr Morrison)

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awarded to members of Australian police forces
who served in the Territories of Papua and New
Guinea between 1949 and 1973, and for related
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10 **awarded to members of Australian police forces**
11 **who served in the Territories of Papua and New**
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13 **purposes**

14 The Parliament of Australia enacts:

15 **Part 1—Preliminary**
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17 **1 Short title**

18 This Act may be cited as the *Police Overseas Service (Territories*
19 *of Papua and New Guinea) Medal Act 2011.*

20 **2 Commencement**

21 This Act commences on the day after it receives the Royal Assent.

22 **3 Definitions**

23 In this Act:

24 *Australian police forces* means a police force (however described)
25 of the Commonwealth of Australia or of a State or Territory,
26 including the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary.

Section 4

1 **Commissioner of Police** means the Commissioner of Police
2 appointed under subsection 17(1) of the *Australian Federal Police*
3 *Act 1979*.

4 **members of Australian police forces** means sworn police officers
5 in those Australian police forces.

6 **4 Minister to seek the Queen’s in-principle agreement to**
7 **establishment of Medal**

8 (1) Within 60 days of the commencement of this Act a Minister must
9 write to the Governor-General to seek the Queen’s in-principle
10 agreement to the establishment of a Medal to be titled The Police
11 Overseas Service (Territories of Papua and New Guinea) Medal.

12 (2) The Minister’s correspondence seeking the Queen’s in-principle
13 agreement must include reference to the matters contained in
14 subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6).

15 (3) The Medal would form part of the Australian honours system.

16 (4) The Medal would be awarded for service undertaken by members
17 of Australian police forces who served as part of the Australian
18 administration of the Territories of Papua and New Guinea
19 between 1 July 1949 and 30 November 1973 inclusive.

20 (5) An award of the Medal would be made by the Governor-General
21 on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police, or in
22 extraordinary circumstances on the recommendation of the
23 Minister who administers the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*.

24 (6) The Medal could be awarded posthumously.

25 **5 Medal to be established as soon as practicable subject to the**
26 **Queen’s in-principle agreement**

27 If the Queen gives in-principle agreement to the establishment of
28 the Medal, the Minister must cause the following to be available
29 for presentation to the Queen as soon as practicable:

Section 5

- 1 (a) draft Letters Patent and Regulations to give effect to the
2 awarding of the Medal and any consequential administrative
3 matters;
4 (b) a proposed design for the Medal; and
5 (c) a proposal for where the Medal will appear in the order of
6 precedence for the wearing of Australian honours and
7 awards.