EXPLANATORY NOTE

Veterans' Childrens Education Scheme (Goods and Services Tax Compensation) Instrument No. 9/2000

The attached Instrument will reduce the effect of the Goods and Services Tax on education allowances payable under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme by providing for a "once only" 4% increase in those allowances. The allowances are:

- Primary education allowance
- Secondary and Tertiary "living at home" allowance
- Secondary and Tertiary "living away from home" allowance
- Homeless student allowance
- Double orphan allowances

The increases to allowances made by the attached Instrument reflect increases made to similar allowances administered by the Department of Employment, Education and Youth Affairs and it is the policy of the Department of Veterans' Affairs to maintain parity with those other allowances wherever possible.