EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990

Declaration of warlike service (Operation SLIPPER)

The Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990 (the Act), together with the Agreement incorporated in the Act, provides for the payment of housing loan subsidies for certain members of the Australian Defence Force (the ADF).

Subsection 3C(1) of the Act enables the Minister to declare duty to be warlike service for the purposes of the Act.

The purpose of this Declaration is to declare duty with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) contribution to the United States Led Response to International Terrorism on Operation SLIPPER, as warlike service for the purpose of the Act during the period 11 October 2001 to 30 July 2009.

Clause 1 of this Declaration sets out the manner in which this Declaration may be cited.

Clause 2 revokes the previous Declaration made for Operation SLIPPER and provides that this Declaration replaces that earlier instrument.

Clause 3 of this Declaration provides that the Determination commences on the day after it is registered.

Clause 4(a) of this Declaration specifies the area of operations for the purpose of the Declaration.

Clause 4(b) provides that the Declaration applies to a member of the Australian Defence Force who is allotted for duty on Operation SLIPPER.

Clause 4(c) provides that the Declaration applies for the period 11 October 2001 to 30 July 2009, the period Australian Defence Force personnel were deployed on Operation SLIPPER within the specified areas defined in clause 4(a).

These benefits entitle an eligible person who rendered warlike service to additional periods of housing subsidy as well as an exemption of the five year qualifying period of service. The entitlement to additional years of subsidy range from two additional years, for warlike service of less than three months, to five additional years for warlike service of more than nine months.

Consultation was considered unnecessary pursuant to section 18 of the LIA because the Determination relates to the service of members of the ADF.

Authority: Subsection 3C(1) of the Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990