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Commonwealth Electoral Officers (Allowances) Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1)¹

Statutory Rules 2001 No. 1²

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I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following Regulations under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

Dated - 5 APR 2001 2001

WILLIAM DEANE

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command


ERIC ABETZ
Special Minister of State

1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the *Commonwealth Electoral Officers (Allowances) Amendment Regulations 2001* (No. *✓*). 1

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 5 April 2001.

3 Amendment of *Commonwealth Electoral Officers (Allowances) Regulations 2000*

Schedule 1 amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Officers (Allowances) Regulations 2000*.

Schedule 1 Amendment

(regulation 3)

[1] After Part 2

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Part 3 Deputy Electoral Commissioner — prescribed allowances

3.1 Application and purpose of Part 3

(1) For the purposes of subsection 22 (2) of the Act, the allowances set out in this Part are prescribed for a person (the *appointee*) appointed as the Deputy Electoral Commissioner.

(2) In this Part:

family member, in relation to an appointee, means:

(a) a child or adopted child of the appointee; or

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- (b) a child or adopted child of a person who is in a bona fide domestic relationship with the appointee; or
- (c) a person (other than a child mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b)) who:
 - (i) is related by blood or marriage to the appointee; and
 - (ii) has a strong affinity with the appointee; and
 - (iii) is in a bona fide domestic relationship with the appointee.

3.2 Relocation allowances

- (1) If the appointee is required to move from 1 location (the *previous location*) to another (the *appointment location*) in order to take up the appointment, the appointee is entitled to the relocation allowances set out in this regulation.
- (2) The appointee is entitled to:
 - (a) payment for or reimbursement of reasonable transport and household goods removal costs at the start and the completion of the appointment period; and
 - (b) an allowance to subsidise reasonable temporary accommodation costs at the appointment location; and
 - (c) if the period of appointment is 12 months or more, and results in the removal of the appointee's household goods to the appointment location, a one-off (taxable) disturbance allowance of \$1 829; and
 - (d) reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred in avoiding serious disruption to the final 2 years of secondary education of the appointee's children; and



- (e) reimbursement of reasonable costs associated with the sale and purchase of a home:
 - (i) within 12 months of the start of the appointment period; and
 - (ii) within 12 months of the completion of the appointment period; and
 - (f) if a telephone service was held in the appointee's name at the previous location, reimbursement of the cost of reconnecting 1 telephone at the appointment location; and
 - (g) reimbursement of fees for the transfer to the appointment location of the registration of 1 motor vehicle or motorcycle of the appointee; and
 - (h) reimbursement, up to \$139, of the cost of moving pets to the appointment location; and
 - (i) if it can be shown that a pre-transfer visit will facilitate the acquisition of accommodation suitable for the appointee's long-term needs at the appointment location, reimbursement of the cost of 1 such visit.
- (3) If the appointee chooses not to relocate dependants to the appointment location, the appointee is entitled to:
- (a) 12 return economy airfares each year to the appointee's previous location for the purposes of reunion travel; or
 - (b) air travel up to \$6 600 a year for reunion travel.
- (4) An entitlement under subregulation (3) is for 3 years from the day when the appointee starts his or her duty.
- (5) In this regulation **reunion travel** means:
- (a) travel by the appointee to visit a family member not living at the appointment location; or
 - (b) travel by a family member to visit the appointee; that is approved by the Commissioner.



3.3 Family care

- (1) The appointee is entitled to reimbursement of costs associated with additional family care arrangements if the appointee is required by the AEC to be away from home outside normal working hours.
- (2) An entitlement under subregulation (1) must be in accordance with AEC guidelines.

3.4 Certain travel costs of family member

The appointee is entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs of a family member if the following circumstances apply:

- (a) the appointee becomes critically or dangerously ill while travelling on official business and is unable to return to the appointment location;
- (b) a family member travels to visit the appointee while the appointee is critically or dangerously ill;
- (c) a request for reimbursement of the travel costs of the family member is made to the AEC;
- (d) satisfactory medical evidence of the condition of the appointee is given to the AEC.

Notes

1. These Regulations amend Statutory Rules 2000 No. 28/
2. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on

, as amended by
2000 No. 354

/ 2001. 5 April