

## **Australian Passports Amendment Determination 2006 (No.1)**

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Determination inserts a new fee schedule (Schedule 4) into the *Australian Passports Determination 2005*. The new fees take effect on 1 July, 2006.

In May 2006, the Federal Government announced that travel document fees from 1 July would be subject to a 9 per cent increase to offset the approved measure: Strengthening Consular and Overseas Crisis Response Capabilities.

Travel document fees are also subject to an annual movement in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Section 57 of the *Australian Passports Act 2005* gives the Minister for Foreign Affairs the authority to make determinations regarding travel document fees.

The Determination is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.