



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby:**

- (a) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force who render service in the area comprising Timor-Leste and the sea adjacent to Timor-Leste out to a distance of 12 nautical miles from the low water mark with the forces known as:
- (i) Operation 'Astute' - the Australian Defence Force commitment to bring security, peace and confidence to Timor-Leste that commenced on 12 May 2006;
 - (ii) Defence Cooperation Program that commenced on 12 May 2006;
 - (iii) Operation 'Citadel' - the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Mission of support in Timor-Leste that commenced on 12 May 2006;
 - (iv) Operation 'Spire' - the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Mission of support in Timor-Leste that commenced on 12 May 2006; and
 - (v) Operation 'Chiron' - the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Special Political Mission to Timor-Leste (the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste) that commenced on 12 May 2006;

to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of the Regulations;

- (b) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'TIMOR-LESTE' ("the Medal") for the *prescribed operation* are:
- (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period*;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member for a *prescribed period*, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force on an approved third country deployment to the *prescribed operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;
 - (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* and who completed a *prescribed number of sorties* within the duration of the *prescribed operation*;
 - (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered assigned service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation*, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal;
 - (v) in this paragraph "*prescribed period*" for the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph a(i) means, in relation to subparagraphs b(i), b(ii) and b(iv):
 - (A) a period of not less than an aggregate of seven days for service that commenced on or after 12 May 2006 and ended on or before 16 June 2006; or
 - (B) a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days for service that commenced on or after 10 June 2006.

- (vi) in this paragraph "*prescribed period*" for the *prescribed operation* at subparagraphs a(ii), a(iii), a(iv) and a(v) means, in relation to subparagraphs b(i), b(ii) and b(iv) a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days;
- (vii) in this paragraph "*prescribed number of sorties*" within the duration of the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph a(i) means, in relation to subparagraph b(iii):
 - (A) seven sorties from a unit force assigned to the *prescribed operation*, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of seven days at a rate of one sortie per day for service that commenced on or after 12 May 2006 and ended on or before 16 June 2006; or
 - (B) 30 sorties from a unit force assigned to the *prescribed operation*, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day for service that commenced on or after 10 June 2006.
- (viii) in this paragraph "*prescribed number of sorties*" within the duration of the *prescribed operation* at subparagraphs a(ii), a(iii), a(iv) and a(v) means, in relation to subparagraph b(iii), 30 sorties from a unit force assigned to the *prescribed operation*, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;

PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the *prescribed period* for the award of the Medal required by subparagraphs subparagraphs (b)(i), b(ii), b(iii) or b(iv) owing to his or her death or evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed operation*.

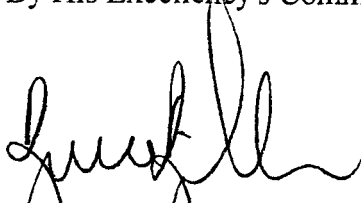
- (c) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that where an entitlement exists to the Australian Service Medal (ASM) with Clasp 'EAST TIMOR' for service prior to 12 May 2006, a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where the entitlement to the Medal arises from the same rotation deployment as gave rise to the entitlement for the ASM with Clasp 'EAST TIMOR', and includes the same posting or period of service with the prescribed operation.

Dated *16 September* 2006



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



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