



Defence Determination 2017/41, Review of housing contributions and allowances – amendment

I, PHILLIP JOHN HOGLIN, Acting Assistant Secretary, People Policy and Employment Conditions, make the following Determination under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Dated 14 December 2017

Acting Assistant Secretary
People Policy and Employment Conditions
Defence People Group

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1 Name

This instrument is Defence Determination 2017/41, Review of housing contributions and allowances – amendment.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 25 January 2018.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Housing Contributions and Allowances – Amendment

Defence Determination 2016/19, Conditions of service

- 1 Section 7.5.29 (Rate of contribution), table item 1**
Omit "\$102.88", substitute "\$112.04".

- 2 Subsection 7.9.15.1 (Eligibility for allowance)**
Omit "198.68", substitute "\$197.29".

- 3 Paragraph 7.10.4.1.b (Eligible member – reimbursement for utilities)**
Omit "\$71.32 ", substitute "\$77.67".

- 4 Subsection 7.10.8.2 (Contribution for energy costs – tied or Service residences)**
Omit "\$136.86", substitute "\$149.04".

5 Chapter 7 Annex 7.A (Contributions for Service residence or rent band choice accommodation)

Omit the Annex, substitute:

Annex 7.A: Contributions for Service residence or rent band choice accommodation

See: Part 6 Division 7

Exception: These rates do not apply to members with housing in Woomera. See Part 6 Division 8 subsection 7.6.41.2, Contribution for Service residence or rent band choice home, table item 4.

Part 1: Contribution for a Service residence – member with dependants

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Item	If the member's rank is...	and their Service residence is classified as...	then they must pay the contribution for...	for a member with dependants that is... \$ a fortnight	and if they choose a two bedroom home with an amenity group, they pay... \$ a fortnight
1	Major or lower	Group 1A	Group 1A	422.14	379.93
2	Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower	Group A	Group A	496.72	447.05
		Group B1 or Rent Band 1	Group B1 or Rent Band 1	507.53	456.78
		Group B2 or Rent Band 2	Group B1 or Rent Band 1	507.53	456.78
3	Captain, Warrant Officer Class 1, Warrant Officer Class 2	Group B1 or Rent Band B1	Group B1 or Rent Band 1	507.53	456.78
		Group B2 or Rent Band 2	Group B2 or Rent Band 2	622.64	560.38
		Group C or Rent Band 3	Group B2 or Rent Band 2	622.64	560.38
4	Lieutenant Colonel, Major	Group B2 or Rent Band 2	Group B2 or Rent Band 2	622.64	560.38
		Group C or Rent Band 3	Group C or Rent Band 3	685.58	617.03
		Group D or Rent Band 4	Group C or Rent Band 3	685.58	617.03
5	Brigadier, Colonel	Group C or Rent Band 3	Group C or Rent Band 3	685.58	617.03
		Group D or Rent Band 4	Group D or Rend Band 4	948.92	854.03
		Group E or Rent Band 5	Group E or Rent Band 4	948.92	854.03
6	Major General or higher	Group D or Rent Band 4	Group D or Rent Band 4	948.92	854.03
		Group E or Rent Band 5	Group E or Rent Band 5	1492.64	1343.38

Part 2: Higher contribution scheme – Contribution for a Service residence where a member with dependants chooses a property above their benefit

Item	If a member with dependants has a rank in this group...	their contribution for a rent band above their benefit is...			
		Rent band 1 or Amenity Group B1	Rent band 2 or Amenity Group B2	Rent band 3 or Amenity Group C	Rent band 4 or Amenity Group D
			\$ a fortnight	\$ a fortnight	\$ a fortnight
1.	Lieutenant Second Lieutenant Staff Sergeant Sergeant Corporal or lower	N/A	737.75	863.63	1,390.31
2.	Captain Warrant Officer Class 1 Warrant Officer Class 2	N/A	N/A	748.52	1,275.20
3.	Lieutenant Colonel Major	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,212.26

Part 3: Contribution for member without dependants not sharing

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	Column 4
Item	Classification of Service residence		Contribution for 2 bedroom Service residence within an amenity group	Contribution for any other Service residence or rent band choice home
	rent band	group		
1.	5	E	1343.38	1492.64
2.	4	D	854.03	948.92
3.	3	C	617.03	685.58
4.	2	B2	560.38	622.64
5.	1	B1	456.78	507.53
6.	-	A	447.05	496.72
7.	-	1A	379.93	422.14

Part 4: Contribution for member without dependants sharing

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Item	Rank group	Member sharing with 1 other person \$ a fortnight	Member sharing with 2 or more people \$ a fortnight
1.	Major General or higher	671.69	497.55
2.	Brigadier Colonel	427.02	316.31
3.	Lieutenant Colonel Major	308.52	228.53
4.	Captain Warrant Officer Class 1 Warrant Officer Class 2	280.19	207.55
5.	Lieutenant Second Lieutenant Staff Sergeant Sergeant Corporal or lower	228.39	169.18

6 Chapter 7 Annex 7.B (Regional rent bands)

Omit the Annex, substitute:

Annex 7.B: Regional rent bands

- The following table prescribes the rent band for a member's rank.

See: Part 6 Division 3 section 7.6.13, Rent band for a member's rank group

Item	If a member has a rank in this group...	then their rent band is...
1.	Corporal or lower, Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Second Lieutenant and Lieutenant	1.
2.	Warrant Officer Class 2, Warrant Officer Class 1 and Captain	2.
3.	Major and Lieutenant Colonel	3.
4.	Colonel and Brigadier	4.

- The following tables set out the range of rents for each rent band for principal and regional locations. Specific areas are excluded from some locations by listing them in an exception. This excludes them from that rent band.
- If a Defence establishment is not listed, the rates listed for the surrounding community should be used.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra ACT/ Queanbeyan, NSW

Exceptions: RMC Duntroon and Academy Close, Campbell

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	700.00	1,150.00
2	1,150.01	1,210.00
3	1,210.01	1,380.00
4	1,380.01	1,920.00

RMC Duntroon, ACT (including Academy Close, Campbell)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	674.00	1,000.00
2	1,000.01	1,200.00
3	1,200.01	3,200.00
4	3,200.01	3,600.00
5	3,600.01	4,000.00

NEW SOUTH WALES

Principal posting locations

Albury, NSW / Wodonga, Vic

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	680.00	830.00
2	830.01	880.00
3	880.01	1,000.00
4	1,000.01	1,060.00

Glenbrook, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	878.00	1,060.00
2	1,060.01	1,238.00
3	1,238.01	1,510.00
4	1,510.01	1,590.00

Liverpool, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	900.00	1280.00
2	1280.01	1420.00
3	1420.01	1640.00
4	1640.01	1720.00

Newcastle / Raymond Terrace, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	700.00	990.00
2	990.01	1,130.00
3	1,130.01	1,420.00
4	1,420.01	1,650.00

Nowra, NSW**Exception:** HMAS Albatross

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
		to...
1	760.00	940.00
2	940.01	980.00
3	980.01	1,160.00
4	1,160.01	1,230.00

Richmond, NSW**Exception:** RAAF Richmond

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	720.00	1,320.00
2	1,320.01	1,380.00
3	1,380.01	1,700.00
4	1,700.01	1,800.00

Singleton, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	700.00	900.00
2	900.01	970.00
3	970.01	1,050.00
4	1,050.01	1,100.00

Sydney, NSW**Exceptions:** Glenbrook, Liverpool, HMAS Watson, RAAF Richmond, and Richmond

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	840.00	1,648.00
2	1,648.01	1,950.00
3	1,950.01	2,520.00
4	2,520.01	2,670.00

Wagga Wagga, NSW**Exception:** Blamey Barracks Kapooka

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	640.00	910.00
2	910.01	960.00
3	960.01	1,090.00
4	1,090.01	1,258.00

Regional posting locations**Armidale, NSW**

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	1,000.00

Bathurst, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	800.00
2	800.01	900.00

Blamey Barracks Kapooka, NSW (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	400.00	500.00
2	500.01	700.00
3	700.01	900.00
4	900.01	1,240.00

Broken Hill, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	400.00	1,000.00

Evans Head, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,000.00	1,150.00
2	1,150.01	1,200.00

HMAS Albatross, NSW (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	440.00	540.00
2	540.01	560.00
3	560.01	640.00
4	640.01	800.00

HMAS Watson, NSW (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,400.00	1,580.00
2	1,580.01	2,400.00
3	2,400.01	2,600.00
4	2,600.01	2,800.00

Orange, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	700.00	820.00
2	820.01	900.00

RAAF Richmond, NSW (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	678.00
2	678.01	780.00
3	780.01	1,000.00
4	1,000.01	1,200.00

Wollongong / Tarrawanna / Woonona, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,000.00	1,280.00
2	1,280.01	1,340.00
3	1,340.01	1,400.00

Lismore / Goonellabah / Junction Hill / Wollongbar, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	760.00	1,000.00
2	1,000.01	1,200.00

Port Macquarie / Old Bar / Taree, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	900.00
2	900.01	1,100.00
3	1,100.01	1,200.00
4	1,200.01	1,300.00

Tamworth, NSW

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	680.00	770.00
2	770.01	900.00
3	900.01	1,000.00
4	1,000.01	1,120.00

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Principal posting locations

Alice Springs, NT

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,100.00	1,200.00
2	1,200.01	1,360.00
3	1,360.01	1,460.00
4	1,460.01	1,732.00

Katherine, NT

Exception: RAAF Base Tindal

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	860.00	1,500.00
2	1,500.01	1,560.00
3	1,560.01	1,620.00
4	1,620.01	1,680.00

Regional posting locations

Larrakeyah Barracks / Defence
Establishment Berrimah / RAAF Base
Darwin, NT (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	760.00	1,040.00
2	1,040.01	1,200.00
3	1,200.01	1,400.00
4	1,400.01	1,750.00

RAAF Base Tindal, NT (on-base
housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	700.00	900.00

Darwin, NT

Exceptions: Larrakeyah Barracks, Defence
Establishment Berrimah and RAAF Base
Darwin

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	760.00	1,338.00
2	1,338.01	1,418.00
3	1,418.01	1,698.00
4	1,698.01	1,928.00

Nhulunbuy, NT

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,000.00	1,300.00
2	1,300.01	1,600.00

QUEENSLAND

Principal posting locations

Brisbane, Qld

Exception: Ipswich

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	750.00	1,130.00
2	1,130.01	1,238.00
3	1,238.01	1,450.00
4	1,450.01	1,618.00

Cairns, Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	704.00	940.00
2	940.01	1,000.00
3	1,000.01	1,090.00
4	1,090.01	1,200.00

Gold Coast, Qld

Exception: Kokoda Barracks Canungra

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	860.00	990.00
2	990.01	1,040.00
3	1,040.01	1,200.00
4	1,200.01	1,280.00

Ipswich, Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	630.00	880.00
2	880.01	980.00
3	980.01	1,138.00
4	1,138.01	1,352.00

Toowoomba / Oakey, Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	580.00	850.00
2	850.01	920.00
3	920.01	1,080.00
4	1,080.01	1,164.00

Townsville, Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	560.00	800.00
2	800.01	880.00
3	880.01	1,130.00
4	1,130.01	1,160.00

Regional posting locations

Kokoda Barracks Canungra, Qld (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	530.00	680.00
2	680.01	700.00
3	700.01	740.00
4	740.01	1,000.00

Mount Isa, Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	1,300.00

Thursday Island, Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,000.00	3,000.00

Tully / Mission Beach / Cowley Beach / Rockhampton, Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	1,000.00

Weipa / RAAF Base Scherger (on-base housing), Qld

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,300.00	1,500.00
2	1,500.01	1,600.00
3	1,600.01	1,900.00

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal posting location

Adelaide, SA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	590.00	910.00
2	910.01	1,020.00
3	1,020.01	1,130.00
4	1,130.01	1,430.00

Regional posting locations

Port Augusta / Port Lincoln / Port Wakefield, SA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	1,000.00

TASMANIA

Principal posting location

Hobart, Tas

Exception: Anglesea Barracks

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	700.00	880.00
2	880.01	1,020.00
3	1,020.01	1,120.00
4	1,120.01	1,170.00

Regional posting locations

Anglesea Barracks, Tas (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	510.00	702.00
2	702.01	1,000.00
3	1,000.01	1,200.00
4	1,200.01	2,000.00

Launceston / Devonport, Tas

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	900.00
2	900.01	1,000.00
3	1,000.01	1,100.00

VICTORIA

Principal posting locations

Frankston/Mornington, Vic

Exception: HMAS Cerberus

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	700.00	950.00
2	950.01	1,080.00
3	1,080.01	1,140.00
4	1,140.01	1,240.00

Melbourne, Vic

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	660.00	970.00
2	970.01	1,080.00
3	1,080.01	1,500.00
4	1,500.01	1,940.00

Sale, Vic

Exception: RAAF Base East Sale

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	630.00	740.00
2	740.01	798.00
3	798.01	908.00
4	908.01	1,000.00

Seymour, Vic

Exception: Puckapunyal Military Area

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	740.00
2	740.01	820.00
3	820.01	1,250.00
4	1,250.01	1,340.00

Regional posting locations

Ballarat / Delecombe / Alfredton, Vic

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	500.00	600.00
2	600.01	800.00
3	800.01	900.00
4	900.01	1,000.00

HMAS Cerberus, Vic (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	400.00	550.00
2	550.01	600.00
3	600.01	680.00
4	680.01	800.00

Mildura, Vic

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	400.00	800.00

Puckapunyal Military Area, Vic (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	400.00	520.00
2	520.01	560.00
3	560.01	590.00
4	590.01	800.00

Queenscliff / Leopold / Ocean Grove /Point Lonsdale, Vic

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	800.00
2	800.01	900.00
3	900.01	1,000.00
4	1,000.01	1,200.00

RAAF Base East Sale, Vic (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
4	600.00	800.00

RAAF Base Williams, Vic (on-base housing)

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	400.00	500.00
2	500.01	540.00
3	540.01	640.00
4	640.01	800.00

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Principal posting locations

Geraldton, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	560.00	638.00
2	638.01	840.00
3	840.01	1,082.00
4	1,082.01	1,160.00

Pearce, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	620.00	798.00
2	798.01	900.00
3	900.01	1,160.00
4	1,160.01	1,300.00

Perth, WA

Exception: Pearce

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	640.00	1,200.00
2	1,200.01	1,298.00
3	1,298.01	1,600.00
4	1,600.01	1,720.00

Rockingham, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	760.00
2	760.01	858.00
3	858.01	1,050.00
4	1,050.01	1,150.00

Regional posting locations

Broome / RAAF Curtin (on-base housing), WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,100.00	1,300.00
2	1,300.01	1,400.00
3	1,400.01	1,500.00

Carnarvon, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	800.00	1,200.00
2	1,200.01	1,400.00

Exmouth / Learmonth, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	600.00	1,300.00

Karratha, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	960.00	1400.00
2	1400.01	1600.00
3	1600.01	1820.00

Kununurra, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,000.00	4,000.00

Newman / Tom Price

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	760.00	1,000.00
2	1,000.01	1,200.00

Port Hedland, WA

Rent band	Rent \$ a fortnight	
	from...	to...
1	1,000.00	1,600.00
2	1,600.01	2,000.00
3	2,000.01	2,600.00

7 Chapter 7 Annex 7.D (Contributions for rent allowance)

Omit the Annex, substitute:

Annex 7.D: Contributions for rent allowance

Part 1: Contribution for rent allowance – member with dependants

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Item	Rank group	Contribution for a residence with 2 bedrooms or less	Contribution for a residence with 3 or more bedrooms
		\$ a fortnight	\$ a fortnight
1.	Major General or higher	1,343.38	1,492.64
2.	Brigadier, Colonel	854.03	948.92
3.	Lieutenant Colonel, Major	617.03	685.58
4.	Captain, Warrant Officer Class 1, Warrant Officer Class 2	560.38	622.64
5.	Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	456.78	507.53

Part 2: Contribution for rent allowance – member without dependants

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Description of member	Member not sharing	Member sharing with 1 other person	Member sharing with 2 or more persons
	\$ a fortnight	\$ a fortnight	\$ a fortnight
Major General or higher	1,343.38	671.69	497.55
Brigadier, Colonel	854.03	427.02	316.31
Lieutenant Colonel, Major	617.03	308.52	228.53
Captain, Warrant Officer Class 1, Warrant Officer Class 2	560.38	280.19	207.55
Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	456.78	228.39	169.18

8 Chapter 7 Annex 7.E (Rent ceilings)

Omit the Annex, substitute:

Annex 7.E: Rent ceilings

See: Part 8 Division 2

Part 1.1 Rent ceiling for member with dependants – 3 or more bedrooms

1. If the member chooses to have a three bedroom rent ceiling apply, the rates for their rank group in this table apply to them.
2. If a member has a bedroom benefit of four or more bedrooms, their rent ceiling in the table is increased by 10% for each additional bedroom over three bedrooms.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
\$ a fortnight					
ACT/ Queanbeyan	1,060	1,182	1,296	1,652	3,057
Adelaide	846	966	1,076	1,282	
Albury/ Wodonga	800	856	942	1,032	
Alice Springs	1,180	1,282	1,412	1,598	
Armidale	920				
Ballarat / Delecombe / Alfredton	580	702	852	952	
Bathurst	760	852			
Brisbane	1,054	1,186	1,346	1,536	
Broken Hill	880				
Broome	1,260	1,352	1,452		
Cairns	894	972	1,046	1,146	
Canarvon	1,120	1,302			
Darwin	1,224	1,380	1,560	1,814	
Evans Head	1,120	1,176			
Exmouth/ Learmonth	1,160				
Frankston/ Mornington	900	1,016	1,112	1,192	
Geraldton	624	740	962	1,122	
Glenbrook	1,024	1,150	1,376	1,552	
Gold Coast	964	1,016	1,122	1,242	
Hobart	844	952	1,072	1,146	
Ipswich	830	932	1,060	1,246	
Katherine	1,372	1,532	1,592	1,652	
Karratha	1,312	1,502	1,712		

Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
Kununurra	3,400				
Launceston / Devonport	840	952	1,052		
Lismore / Goonellabah / Junction Hill / Wollongbar	952	1,102			
Liverpool	1,204	1,352	1,532	1,682	
Melbourne	908	1,026	1,292	1,722	3,186
Mildura	720				
Mount Isa	1,160				
Newcastle/ Raymond Terrace	932	1,062	1,276	1,536	
Newman / Tom Price	952	1,102			
Nhulunbuy	1,240	1,452			
Nowra	904	962	1,072	1,196	
Orange	796	862			
Pearce	764	850	1,032	1,232	
Perth	1,088	1,250	1,450	1,662	
Port Augusta / Port Lincoln / Port Wakefield	920				
Port Hedland	1,480	1,802	2,302		
Port Macquarie / Old Bar / Taree	840	1,002	1,152	1,252	
Queenscliff	760	852	952	1,102	
Richmond	1,200	1,352	1,542	1,752	
Rockhampton	920				
Rockingham	728	810	956	1,102	
Sale	718	770	854	956	
Seymour	712	782	1,036	1,296	
Singleton	860	936	1,012	1,076	
Sydney	1,488	1,800	2,236	2,596	4,804
Tamworth	752	836	952	1,062	
Thursday Island	2,600				
Toowoomba/ Oakey	796	886	1,002	1,124	
Townsville	752	842	1,006	1,146	
Wagga Wagga	856	936	1,026	1,176	
Weipa	1,460	1,552	1,752		
Wollongong	1,224	1,312	1,372		

Part 1.2 Member with dependants who chooses a two bedroom rent ceiling

If a member chooses to have a two bedroom rent ceiling apply, the rent ceiling that applies (in Part 1) is reduced by 10%.

Notes:

1. The effect of this is to apply the rates set out in the following table to the member.
2. A choice to have a two bedroom ceiling apply may have implications for access to storage at Commonwealth expense. See Chapter 6 Part 5 Division 7 subsection 6.6.52.1, Members with dependants.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
\$ a fortnight					
ACT/ Queanbeyan	954	1,064	1,166	1,487	2,751
Adelaide	761	869	968	1,154	
Albury/ Wodonga	720	770	848	929	
Alice Springs	1,062	1,154	1,271	1,438	
Armidale	828				
Ballarat / Delecombe / Alfredton	522	632	767	857	
Bathurst	684	767			
Brisbane	949	1,067	1,211	1,382	
Broken Hill	792				
Broome	1,134	1,217	1,307		
Cairns	805	875	941	1,031	
Canarvon	1,008	1,172			
Darwin	1,102	1,242	1,404	1,633	
Evans Head	1,008	1,058			
Exmouth/ Learmonth	1,044				
Frankston/ Mornington	810	914	1,001	1,073	
Geraldton	562	666	866	1,010	
Glenbrook	922	1,035	1,238	1,397	
Gold Coast	868	914	1,010	1,118	
Hobart	760	857	965	1,031	
Ipswich	747	839	954	1,121	
Katherine	1,235	1,379	1,433	1,487	
Karratha	1,181	1,352	1,541		
Kununurra	3,060				
Launceston / Devonport	756	857	947		
Lismore / Goonellabah / Junction Hill / Wollongbar	857	992			

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
Liverpool	1,084	1,217	1,379	1,514	
Melbourne	817	923	1,163	1,550	2,868
Mildura	648				
Mount Isa	1,044				
Newcastle/ Raymond Terrace	839	956	1,148	1,382	
Newman / Tom Price	857	992			
Nhulunbuy	1,116	1,307			
Nowra	814	866	965	1,076	
Orange	716	776			
Pearce	688	765	929	1,109	
Perth	979	1,125	1,305	1,496	
Port Augusta / Port Lincoln / Port Wakefield	828				
Port Hedland	1,332	1622	2,072		
Port Macquarie / Old Bar / Taree	756	902	1,037	1,127	
Queenscliff	684	767	857	992	
Richmond	1,080	1,217	1,388	1,577	
Rockhampton	828				
Rockingham	655	729	860	992	
Sale	646	693	769	860	
Seymour	641	704	932	1,166	
Singleton	774	842	911	968	
Sydney	1,339	1,620	2,012	2,336	4,323
Tamworth	677	752	857	956	
Thursday Island	2,340				
Toowoomba/ Oakey	716	797	902	1,012	
Townsville	677	758	905	1,031	
Wagga Wagga	770	842	923	1,058	
Weipa	1,314	1,397	1,577		
Wollongong	1,102	1,181	1,235		

Part 2 Member without dependants or member with dependants (unaccompanied) who lives alone

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
ACT/ Queanbeyan	954	1,064	1,166	1,487	2,751
Adelaide	761	869	968	1,154	
Albury/ Wodonga	720	770	848	929	
Alice Springs	1,062	1,154	1,271	1,438	
Armidale	828				
Ballarat / Delecombe / Alfredton	522	632	767	857	
Bathurst	684	767			
Brisbane	949	1,067	1,211	1,382	
Broken Hill	792				
Broome	1,134	1,217	1,307		
Cairns	805	875	941	1,031	
Canarvon	1,008	1,172			
Darwin	1,102	1,242	1,404	1,633	
Evans Head	1,008	1,058			
Exmouth/ Learmonth	1,044				
Frankston/ Mornington	810	914	1,001	1,073	
Geraldton	562	666	866	1,010	
Glenbrook	922	1,035	1,238	1,397	
Gold Coast	868	914	1,010	1,118	
Hobart	760	857	965	1,031	
Ipswich	747	839	954	1,121	
Katherine	1,235	1,379	1,433	1,487	
Karratha	1,181	1,352	1,541		
Kununurra	3,060				
Launceston / Devonport	756	857	947		
Lismore / Goonellabah / Junction Hill / Wollongbar	857	992			

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
Liverpool	1,084	1,217	1,379	1,514	
Melbourne	817	923	1,163	1,550	2,868
Mildura	648				
Mount Isa	1,044				
Newcastle/ Raymond Terrace	839	956	1,148	1,382	
Newman / Tom Price	857	992			
Nhulunbuy	1,116	1,307			
Nowra	814	866	965	1,076	
Orange	716	776			
Pearce	688	765	929	1,109	
Perth	979	1,125	1,305	1,496	
Port Augusta / Port Lincoln / Port Wakefield	828				
Port Hedland	1,332	1,622	2,072		
Port Macquarie / Old Bar / Taree	756	902	1,037	1,127	
Queenscliff	684	767	857	992	
Richmond	1,080	1,217	1,388	1,577	
Rockhampton	828				
Rockingham	655	729	860	992	
Sale	646	693	769	860	
Seymour	641	704	932	1,166	
Singleton	774	842	911	968	
Sydney	1,339	1,620	2,012	2,336	4,323
Tamworth	677	752	857	956	
Thursday Island	2,340				
Toowoomba/ Oakey	716	797	902	1,012	
Townsville	677	758	905	1,031	
Wagga Wagga	770	842	923	1,058	
Weipa	1,314	1,397	1,577		
Wollongong	1,102	1,181	1,235		

Part 3 Member without dependants or member with dependants (unaccompanied) who shares with one other person

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
ACT/ Queanbeyan	477	532	583	743	
Adelaide	381	435	484	577	
Albury/ Wodonga	360	385	424	464	
Alice Springs	531	577	635	719	
Armidale	414				
Ballarat / Delecombe / Alfredton	261	316	383	428	
Bathurst	342	383			
Brisbane	474	534	606	691	
Broken Hill	396				
Broome	567	608	653		
Cairns	402	437	471	516	
Canarvon	504	586			
Darwin	551	621	702	816	
Evans Head	504	529			
Exmouth/ Learmonth	522				
Frankston/ Mornington	405	457	500	536	
Geraldton	281	333	433	505	
Glenbrook	461	518	619	698	
Gold Coast	434	457	505	559	
Hobart	380	428	482	516	
Ipswich	374	419	477	561	
Katherine	617	689	716	743	
Karratha	590	676	770		
Kununurra	1,530				
Launceston / Devonport	378	428	473		
Lismore / Goonellabah / Junction Hill / Wollongbar	428	496			

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
Liverpool	542	608	689	757	
Melbourne	409	462	581	775	
Mildura	324				
Mount Isa	522				
Newcastle/ Raymond Terrace	419	478	574	691	
Newman / Tom Price	428	496			
Nhulunbuy	558	653			
Nowra	407	433	482	538	
Orange	358	388			
Pearce	344	383	464	554	
Perth	490	563	653	748	
Port Augusta / Port Lincoln / Port Wakefield	414				
Port Hedland	666	811	1,036		
Port Macquarie / Old Bar / Taree	378	451	518	563	
Queenscliff	342	383	428	496	
Richmond	540	608	694	788	
Rockhampton	414				
Rockingham	328	365	430	496	
Sale	323	347	384	430	
Seymour	320	352	466	583	
Singleton	387	421	455	484	
Sydney	670	810	1,006	1,168	
Tamworth	338	376	428	478	
Thursday Island	1,170				
Toowoomba/ Oakey	358	399	451	506	
Townsville	338	379	453	516	
Wagga Wagga	385	421	462	529	
Weipa	657	698	788		
Wollongong	551	590	617		

Part 4 Member without dependants or member with dependants (unaccompanied) who is sharing with two other persons

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
ACT/ Queanbeyan	353	394	432	551	
Adelaide	282	322	359	427	
Albury/ Wodonga	267	285	314	344	
Alice Springs	393	427	471	533	
Armidale	307				
Ballarat / Delecombe / Alfredton	193	234	284	317	
Bathurst	253	284			
Brisbane	351	395	449	512	
Broken Hill	293				
Broome	420	451	484		
Cairns	298	324	349	382	
Canarvon	373	434			
Darwin	408	460	520	605	
Evans Head	373	392			
Exmouth/ Learmonth	387				
Frankston/ Mornington	300	339	371	397	
Geraldton	208	247	321	374	
Glenbrook	341	383	459	517	
Gold Coast	321	339	374	414	
Hobart	281	317	357	382	
Ipswich	277	311	353	415	
Katherine	457	511	531	551	
Karratha	437	501	571		
Kununurra	1,133				
Launceston / Devonport	280	317	351		
Lismore / Goonellabah / Junction Hill / Wollongbar	317	367			

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
Liverpool	401	451	511	561	
Melbourne	303	342	431	574	
Mildura	240				
Mount Isa	387				
Newcastle/ Raymond Terrace	311	354	425	512	
Newman / Tom Price	317	367			
Nhulunbuy	413	484			
Nowra	301	321	357	399	
Orange	265	287			
Pearce	255	283	344	411	
Perth	363	417	483	554	
Port Augusta / Port Lincoln / Port Wakefield	307				
Port Hedland	493	601	767		
Port Macquarie / Old Bar / Taree	280	334	384	417	
Queenscliff	253	284	317	367	
Richmond	400	451	514	584	
Rockhampton	307				
Rockingham	243	270	319	367	
Sale	239	257	285	319	
Seymour	237	261	345	432	
Singleton	287	312	337	359	
Sydney	496	600	745	865	
Tamworth	251	279	317	354	
Thursday Island	867				
Toowoomba/ Oakey	265	295	334	375	
Townsville	251	281	335	382	
Wagga Wagga	285	312	342	392	
Weipa	487	517	584		
Wollongong	408	437	457		

Part 5 Member without dependants or member with dependants (unaccompanied) who is sharing with three other persons

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
ACT/ Queanbeyan	292	325	356	454	
Adelaide	233	266	296	353	
Albury/ Wodonga	220	235	259	284	
Alice Springs	325	353	388	439	
Armidale	253				
Ballarat / Delecombe / Alfredton	160	193	234	262	
Bathurst	209	234			
Brisbane	290	326	370	422	
Broken Hill	242				
Broome	347	372	399		
Cairns	246	267	288	315	
Canarvon	308	358			
Darwin	337	380	429	499	
Evans Head	308	323			
Exmouth/ Learmonth	319				
Frankston/ Mornington	248	279	306	328	
Geraldton	172	204	265	309	
Glenbrook	282	316	378	427	
Gold Coast	265	279	309	342	
Hobart	232	262	295	315	
Ipswich	228	256	292	343	
Katherine	377	421	438	454	
Karratha	361	413	471		
Kununurra	935				
Launceston / Devonport	231	262	289		
Lismore / Goonellabah / Junction Hill / Wollongbar	262	303			

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Location	Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal or lower, trainee	Warrant Officer Class 1 and 2, Captain	Major, Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel, Brigadier	Major General or higher
	\$ a fortnight				
Liverpool	331	372	421	463	
Melbourne	250	282	355	474	
Mildura	198				
Mount Isa	319				
Newcastle/ Raymond Terrace	256	292	351	422	
Newman / Tom Price	262	303			
Nhulunbuy	341	399			
Nowra	249	265	295	329	
Orange	219	237			
Pearce	210	234	284	339	
Perth	299	344	399	457	
Port Augusta / Port Lincoln / Port Wakefield	253				
Port Hedland	407	496	633		
Port Macquarie / Old Bar / Taree	231	276	317	344	
Queenscliff	209	234	262	303	
Richmond	330	372	424	482	
Rockhampton	253				
Rockingham	200	223	263	303	
Sale	197	212	235	263	
Seymour	196	215	285	356	
Singleton	237	257	278	296	
Sydney	409	495	615	714	
Tamworth	207	230	262	292	
Thursday Island	715				
Toowoomba/ Oakey	219	244	276	309	
Townsville	207	232	277	315	
Wagga Wagga	235	257	282	323	
Weipa	402	427	482		
Wollongong	337	361	377		

9 Chapter 7 Annex 7.F (Contributions for food – temporary accommodation allowance)

Omit the Annex, substitute:

Annex 7.F: Contributions for food – temporary accommodation allowance

See: Part 5 Division 5 section 7.5.29

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
	Contribution (\$ a fortnight)				
Member's salary \$ a year	Amount for member with adult dependant	Amount for member or adult dependant only	Amount for each additional adult dependant	Amount for first dependant under 21	Amount for each subsequent dependant under 21
Below 20,000	371.48	185.74	185.74	37.15	27.86
20,000 – 21,999	377.86	188.93	188.93	37.79	28.34
22,000 – 23,999	390.80	195.40	195.40	39.08	29.31
24,000 – 25,999	403.74	201.88	201.88	40.38	30.29
26,000 – 27,999	416.48	208.24	208.24	41.66	31.24
28,000 – 29,999	429.42	214.72	214.72	42.95	32.21
30,000 – 31,999	442.40	221.20	221.20	44.25	33.19
32,000 – 33,999	455.09	227.55	227.55	45.51	34.14
34,000 – 35,999	468.06	234.03	234.03	46.81	35.11
36,000 – 37,999	481.01	240.50	240.50	48.10	36.08
38,000 – 39,999	493.74	246.87	246.87	49.38	37.04
40,000 – 41,999	506.69	253.34	253.34	50.67	38.00
42,000 – 43,999	519.66	259.83	259.83	51.97	38.98
44,000 – 45,999	532.60	266.30	266.30	53.26	39.95
46,000 – 47,999	545.32	272.66	272.66	54.54	40.90
48,000 – 49,999	558.26	279.13	279.13	55.83	41.87
50,000 – 51,999	571.24	285.63	285.63	57.13	42.85
52,000 – 53,999	583.94	291.97	291.97	58.40	43.80
54,000 – 55,999	596.92	298.47	298.47	59.70	44.77
56,000 – 57,999	609.87	304.94	304.94	60.99	45.75
58,000 – 59,999	622.58	311.30	311.30	62.26	46.70
60,000 – 61,999	635.53	317.77	317.77	63.56	47.67
62,000 – 63,999	648.48	324.24	324.24	64.85	48.64
64,000 – 65,999	661.46	330.73	330.73	66.15	49.61
66,000 – 67,999	674.18	337.09	337.09	67.42	50.56
68,000 – 69,999	687.14	343.57	343.57	68.72	51.54
70,000 – 71,999	700.08	350.04	350.04	70.02	52.51
72,000 – 73,999	712.80	356.40	356.40	71.29	53.46
74,000 – 75,999	725.74	362.87	362.87	72.58	54.44
76,000 – 77,999	738.71	369.36	369.36	73.88	55.41
78,000 – 79,999	751.44	375.72	375.72	75.15	56.36
80,000 – 81,999	764.39	382.20	382.20	76.44	57.34
82,000 – 83,999	777.35	388.68	388.68	77.74	58.31
84,000 – 85,999	790.32	395.16	395.16	79.03	59.28
86,000 – 87,999	803.01	401.51	401.51	80.30	60.24

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
	Contribution (\$ a fortnight)				
Member's salary \$ a year	Amount for member with adult dependant	Amount for member or adult dependant only	Amount for each additional adult dependant	Amount for first dependant under 21	Amount for each subsequent dependant under 21
88,000 – 89,999	815.98	407.99	407.99	81.60	61.20
90,000 – 91,999	828.93	414.47	414.47	82.90	62.17
92,000 – 93,999	841.66	420.83	420.83	84.17	63.13
94,000 – 95,999	854.61	427.31	427.31	85.47	64.10
96,000 – 97,999	867.58	433.79	433.79	86.76	65.07
98,000 – 99,999	880.28	440.15	440.15	88.03	66.02
100,000 – 101,999	893.26	446.63	446.63	89.33	67.00
102,000 – 103,999	906.19	453.10	453.10	90.62	67.97
104,000 – 105,999	918.91	459.46	459.46	91.89	68.92
106,000 – 107,999	931.87	465.94	465.94	93.19	69.90
108,000 – 109,999	944.82	472.41	472.41	94.48	70.87
110,000 – 111,999	957.79	478.89	478.89	95.78	71.84
112,000 – 113,999	970.52	485.26	485.26	97.06	72.80
114,000 – 115,999	983.47	491.73	491.73	98.35	73.76
116,000 – 117,999	996.40	498.20	498.20	99.65	74.73
118,000 – 119,999	1009.13	504.56	504.56	100.92	75.69
120,000 and above	1022.08	511.05	511.05	102.21	76.66

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Defence Determination 2017/41, Review of housing contributions and allowances – amendment

This Determination amends Defence Determination 2016/19, Conditions of service (the Principal Determination), made under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903* (the Defence Act) and in accordance with subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (AIA Act). Determinations made under section 58B of the Defence Act are disallowable legislative instruments subject to the *Legislation Act 2003*. These instruments are also subject to the interpretation principles in the AIA Act, as modified by section 58B of the Defence Act.

Chapter 7 of the Principal Determination sets out provisions dealing with assistance for housing and meals for eligible members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

This Determination has the following purposes.

- To implement an annual review of the Group Rent Scheme (GRS).
- To implement the annual review of allowances that ADF members may receive for, and the contributions they are required to make towards, the cost of their accommodation, meals and utilities.
- To amend rent bands. Rent bands are a way of classifying Service residences by their value. This classification is then used to allocate housing to members, and to determine rates of members' contributions.

Section 1 of this Determination sets out the manner in which this Determination may be cited.

Section 2 provides that this instrument commences on 25 January 2018.

Section 3 provides that this instrument has authority under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Section 4 provides that each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1 amends the Defence Determination 2016/19, Conditions of service

Section 1 amends section 7.5.29 of the Principal Determination. This amendment increases the fortnightly contribution for utilities made by a member occupying temporary accommodation from \$102.88 to \$112.04. The adjustment reflects an 8.9% increase in the utilities sub-component of the Consumer Price Index for the 12 month period September 2016 to September 2017.

Section 2 amends subsection 7.9.15.1 of the Principal Determination. This amendment decreases the fortnightly food allowance a member with dependants (unaccompanied) receives from \$198.68 to \$197.29. The adjustment reflects a -0.7% decrease in the food component of the Consumer Price Index over the 12 month period September 2016 to September 2017.

Section 3 amends paragraph 7.10.4.1.b of the Principal Determination. This amendment increases the fortnightly amount an eligible member may be reimbursed for the cost of utilities from \$71.32 to \$77.67. The adjustment reflects an 8.9% increase in the utilities sub-component of the Consumer Price Index over the 12 month period September 2016 to September 2017.

Section 4 amends subsection 7.10.8.2 of the Principal Determination. This adjustment increases the fortnightly contribution a member must make toward energy costs while they are living in a specified tied (tied to an appointment) or Service residence at Royal Military College, Duntroon and Anglesea Barracks, Hobart from \$136.86 to \$149.04. The adjustment reflects an 8.9% increase in the utilities sub-component of the Consumer Price Index over the 12 month period September 2016 to September 2017.

Section 5 omits and substitutes Annex 7.A of the Principal Determination. It amends the contribution a member must make towards the cost of occupying a Service residence or rent band choice accommodation. The adjustments are made in line with changes in the assessed value of Defence housing properties.

- Part 1 of Annex 7.A sets out the contribution for members with dependants.
- Part 2 of Annex 7.A sets out the contribution for members with dependants who choose a property above the standard eligibility provided for members in their rank group.
- Part 3 of Annex 7.A sets out the contribution for a member without dependants who lives alone.
- Part 4 of Annex 7.A sets out the contribution for a member without dependants who shares their accommodation.

Section 6 omits and substitutes Annex 7.B of the Principal Determination, which sets out rent bands. Rent bands are a dollar range set for relevant posting locations based on the market rent value at the posting location and the member's rank. They determine the Service residence accommodation a member may be eligible for. The amount of change varies between locations, based on movements in local rental markets. They have no impact on members during the life of the members' current tenancy agreements. The following changes are made following a valuation of local properties:

- Rent band figures for 31 locations are changed and two new locations introduced as described below.
- Wollongbar (N.S.W) is no longer grouped with Evan's head which is now standalone. Wollongbar is now grouped with Lismore, Goonellabah and Junction Hill.
- Newman and Tom Price (W.A) are no longer grouped with Karratha which is now standalone. Newman and Tom Price are now their own location.

Section 7 omits and substitutes Annex 7.D of the Principal Determination. It amends the contribution a member must make towards the cost of rent if they receive rent allowance. The adjustments are made in line with changes in the assessed value of Defence housing properties.

- Part 1 of Annex 7.D sets out the contribution for members with dependants.
- Part 2 of Annex 7.D sets out the contribution for members without dependants.

Section 8 omits and substitutes Annex 7.E of the Principal Determination. It amends the rent ceilings used to calculate rent allowance entitlements for members of the ADF. The adjustments realign rent ceilings with the market rental paid by Defence for Service residences in various locations. The Annex consists of the following Parts:

- Part 1.1 sets out the rent ceiling rate for a member with dependants who chooses a three or more bedroom rent ceiling for their home.
- Part 1.2 sets out the rent ceiling rate for a member with dependants who chooses a two bedroom rent ceiling for their home.
- Part 2 sets out the rent ceiling rates for a member without dependants, or a member with dependants (unaccompanied) who lives alone.
- Part 3 sets out the rent ceiling rates for a member without dependants, or a member with dependants (unaccompanied) who shares their accommodation with one other person.
- Part 4 sets out the rent ceiling rates for a member without dependants, or a member with dependants (unaccompanied) who shares their accommodation with two other persons.
- Part 5 sets out the rent ceiling rates for a member without dependants, or a member with dependants (unaccompanied) who shares their accommodation with three other persons.

Section 9 omits and substitutes Annex 7.F of the Principal Determination. It sets out a revised costing schedule for the fortnightly rate of contribution a member must make toward their food costs when they are receiving temporary accommodation allowance. The adjustment reflects a -0.7% decrease in the food component of the Consumer Price Index over the 12 month period September 2016 to September 2017.

Consultation

Consultation is not considered necessary in the annual housing rates adjustment. This is a routine change to housing contributions and allowances. The change is based on movements to the Consumer Price Index, rental market movement and advice from a recognised housing service provider. These adjustments are made according to an established policy.

Authority: Section 58B of the
Defence Act 1903

Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011

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This Determination is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

Overview of the Determination

This Determination has the following purposes.

- To implement an annual review of the Group Rent Scheme (GRS).
- To implement the annual review of allowances that ADF members may receive for, and the contributions they are required to make towards, the cost of their accommodation, meals and utilities.
- To amend rent bands. Rent bands are a way of classifying Service residences by their value. This classification is then used to allocate housing to members, and to determine rates of members' contributions.

Human rights implications

This Determination engages the following human right:

The person's right to an adequate standard of living engages article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Article 11 ensures the realisation of this right, recognising to this effect the essential importance of an adequate standard of living. This includes housing.

Legitimate objective: Defence members are required to live in various posting locations throughout Australia. This could cause a member and their family financial hardship or low housing standards if they are required to live in a high cost rental location.

Reasonable, necessary and proportionate: The purpose of the Group Rent Scheme is to provide assistance with the cost of accommodation for a member and their family. Members are eligible to receive allowances which assist with the cost of accommodation at their posting location. The members are required to make contributions towards their subsidised accommodation, meals and utilities. The subsidy the Commonwealth provides is approximately 50% of the cost of these items. The rates in this Determination have been adjusted in-line with the Consumer Price Index and with the local rental markets to ensure that the member's contribution and allowances are reasonable and proportionate in relation to their posting location and yearly salary. This also helps maintain the value of the Commonwealth subsidy as a proportion of the costs. The changes in this Determination assist members in maintaining their right to an adequate standard of living by providing members with financial assistance towards the cost of accommodation, and maintaining the value of the subsidy for food and utilities.

Conclusion

This Determination is compatible with human rights because to the extent that it may limit human rights, those limitations are reasonable, necessary and proportionate.

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