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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain amendments to conditions for the award of the Afghanistan Medal as detailed in the following Instrument of declaration and determination:



## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

### DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AFGHANISTAN MEDAL REGULATIONS 2004

I, **QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Afghanistan Medal Regulations 2004 contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 30 September 2004 (“the Regulations”) on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence **hereby**:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 26 March 2010 under regulation 3 and regulation 5 respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force who render service with the forces known as:
  - (i) Operation ‘Slipper’ - the Australian Defence Force contribution to the International Coalition Against Terrorism, that:
    - (A) commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 5 December 2002 in the specified areas comprising the total land areas and superjacent airspace boundaries of Kyrgyzstan;
    - (B) commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 5 December 2002 in the specified areas comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, the Gulf of Oman, those portions of the Arabian Sea bounded by 68 degrees East and 12 degrees North, and the Gulf of Aden;
    - (C) commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 31 December 2008 in the specified areas comprising the total lands areas and superjacent airspace boundaries of Afghanistan;
    - (D) commenced on 1 January 2009 and ended on 30 July 2009;

within the area bounded by:

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(E) commenced on 31 July 2009;

within the area bounded by:

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39 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude

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05 00S Latitude, 78 00E Longitude;

(ii) Operation 'Palate' - the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations assistance mission in Afghanistan that commenced on 6 December 2002 and ended on 30 June 2004 in the area comprising the specified total land areas and superjacent airspace boundaries of Afghanistan; and

(iii) Operation 'Palate II' – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan that commenced on 27 June 2005 in the area comprising Afghanistan, including Afghanistan's land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace;

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

(c) **determine**, under regulation 5 of the Regulations, that the conditions for the award of the Afghanistan Medal ("the Medal") for that *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 while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;

(ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, 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 while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* and who completed 30 sorties within the duration of 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;

- (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under subregulation 5(2)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal;

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

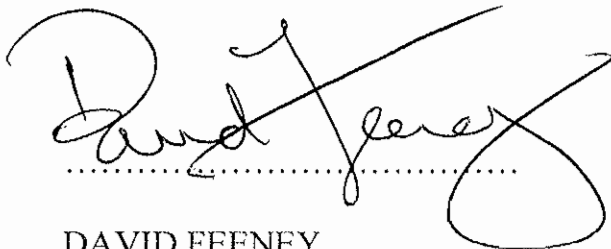
- (d) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where an entitlement exists to the Iraq Medal for the same deployment.

Dated 21/3 2011



Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



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