

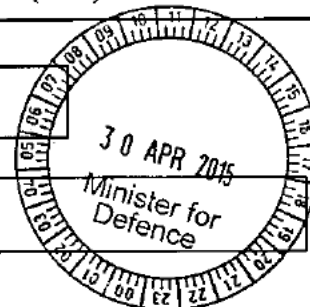


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Robert: MA15-001225
Ref: HPC(DPG)/OUT/2015/108

MINISTERIAL ADVICE



Date for action by:
14 MAY 2015

Reason:
Routine

For Action: Assistant Minister

Through: CDF *2014 Minister, this is a very important step, we should discuss the communications approach that we take on this.*

For Info: Minister for Defence

Copies to: Secretary, VCDF, FASMECC, DEPSEC DP, CN, CA, CAF, RACS Chairman

Appointment of a Muslim Representative on the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services (RACS)

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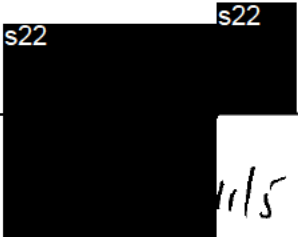
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Agreed / Not Agreed
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Approved By TONY NEEDHAM Air Vice-Marshal Head People Capability Phone: (02) 6265 4378 27 April 2015	s22 
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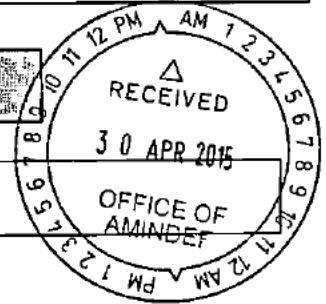


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Comments / Supplementary tasking:

Kevin Andrews

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Resources:

6. Nil.

Consultation:

7. Air Chief Marshal, Chief of Defence Force.

8. Rabbi Ralph Genende, RACS Chair.

Attachments:

A. Draft letter of appointment Imam Sheikh Mohamadu Saleem.

B. Required documentation for Imam Sheikh Mohamadu Saleem.

C. RACS List dated 23 November 2015



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**The Hon Stuart Robert MP
Assistant Minister for Defence**

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Yours sincerely

Stuart Robert

APPOINTMENT DETAILS

Proposing Minister/s (name and portfolio)	Assistant Minister for Defence
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Organisation (body to which appointment is to be made)	Religious Advisory Committee to the Services
Position (eg Chairman, Member, Director, Commissioner; add 'Acting' if position is being filled on acting basis)	Muslim Member (representing Australian National Imams Council)
Is this a New Appointment or a Reappointment?	New Appointment

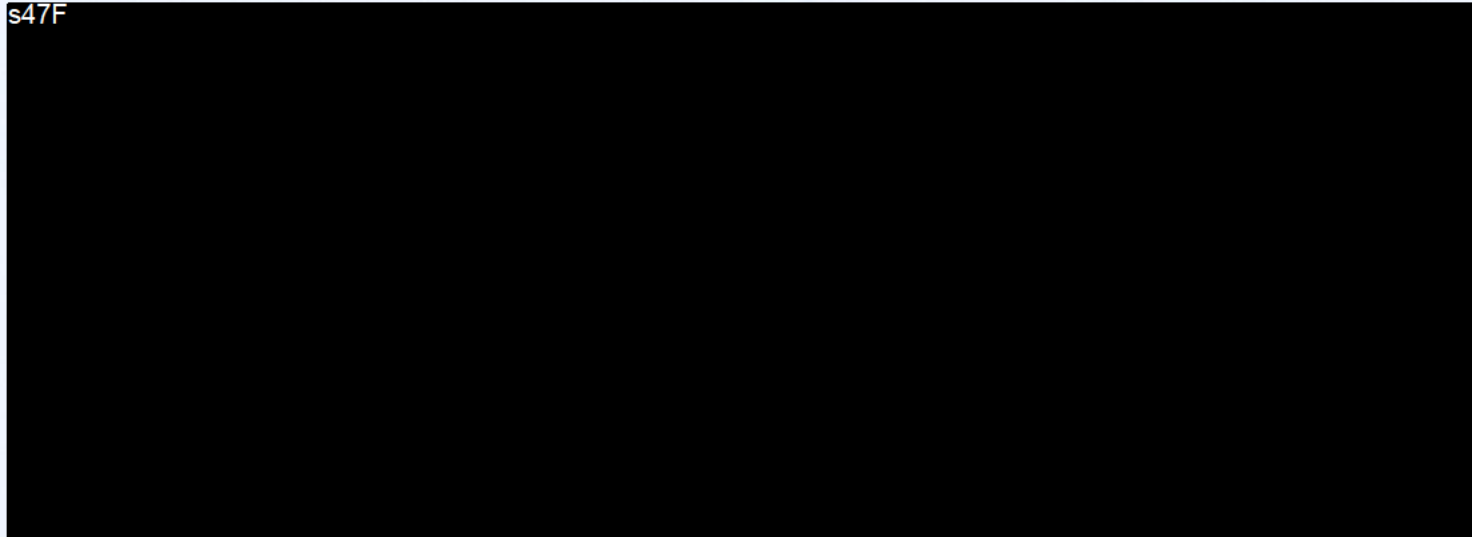
Proposed Appointee (title, full name and post-nominals)	Sheikh Mohamadu Nawas MOHAMADU SALEEM						
Nominee's Current Position and/or Relevant Credentials	Executive Member, Australian National Imams Council						
DOB	s47F	Gender	M	State of Residence	Vic	Other EEO Category *	Nil.

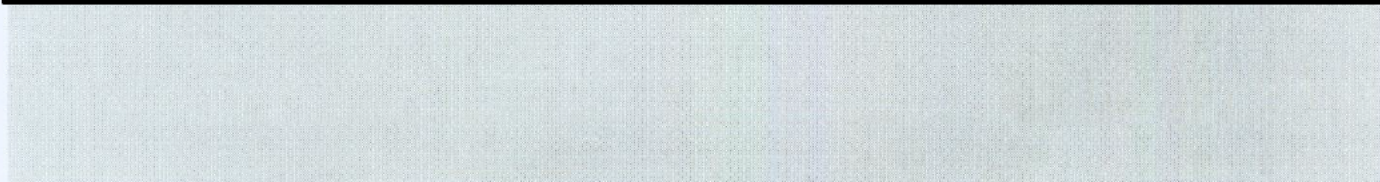
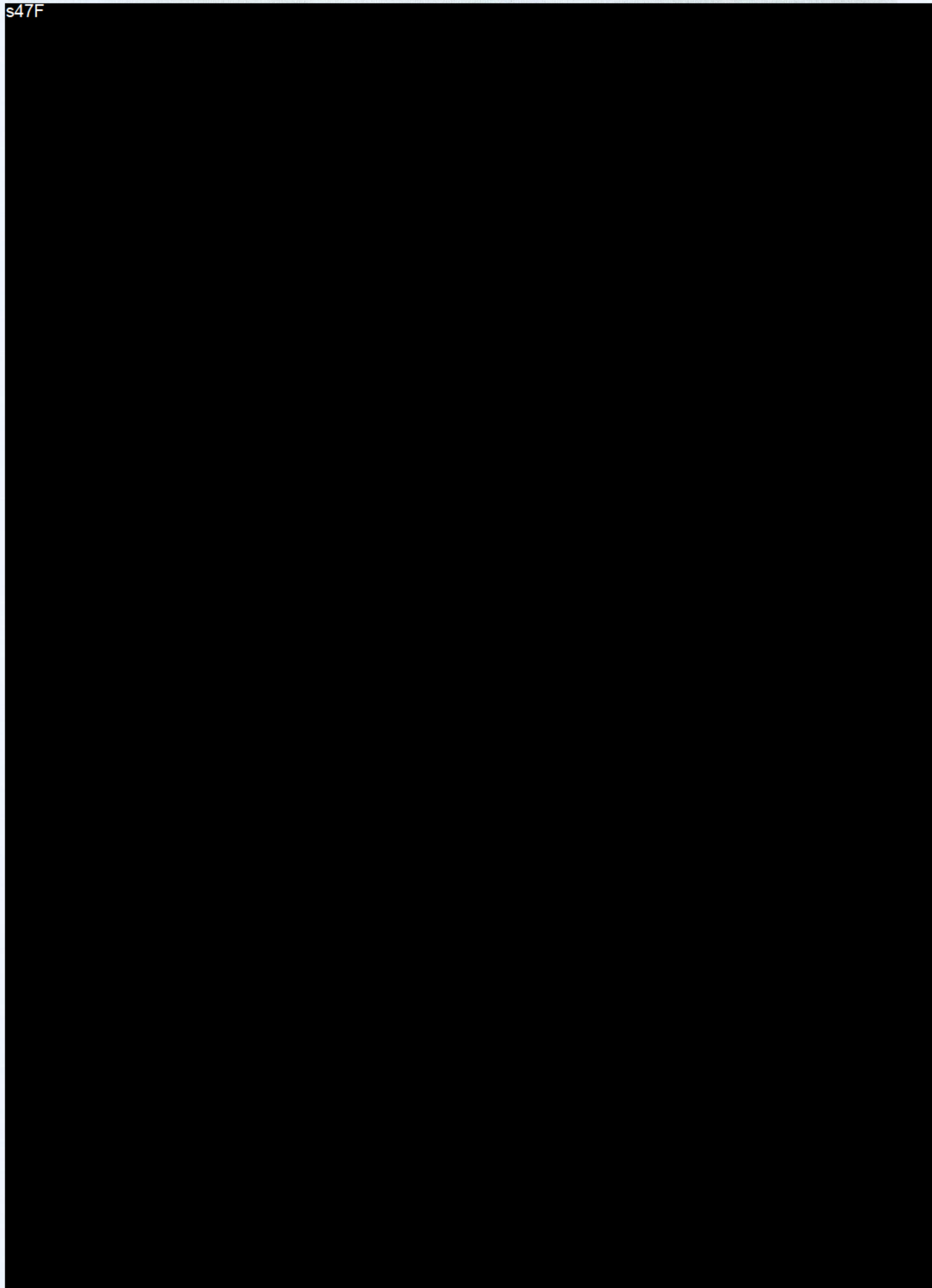
Proposed Term (specify the prospective dates, eg. for 3 years; OR from 1 December 2008 for 3 years, OR from 1 December 2008 to 30 November 2011 – (NB: retrospective dates <u>will not</u> be accepted)	2 June 2015 No term required	Full time (FT) or Part Time (PT) PT
Remuneration Specify base salary, and total package where applicable (including any performance bonus) or per diem amount [amounts are \$p.a. or \$p.d.]	s47F per day Tier 2 REM tribunal	Set by (specify) Remuneration Tribunal 2014/08

Have the 2011 selection processes for Agency Heads and Statutory Offices been followed? (if not, attach statement explaining why)	N/A	Is the Private Interests Declaration attached?	Yes
		Is a current CV attached? (<u>1-2 pages only</u>)	Yes
For all other vacancies, has the Minister addressed appointment options? (ie was the position advertised, reasons for reappointment)	N/A	Is the current Membership list of the body attached? (name, gender, position, FT/PT, state of residence, start and end dates for all current & proposed members, plus state and gender balances)	Yes

What is the legislative authority? (Title and relevant provisions of the Act)	Nil. Part-time Office Holder
Who appoints? (Governor-General, Minister or other appointing authority)	Assistant Minister for Defence

Departmental Contact Officer	MAJ Ruth Weir	Phone	02 6265 4378
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