It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved amendments to certain conditions for the award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp ‘SOMALIA’ as detailed in the following Instrument of declaration and determination:
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE
AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, QUINTEN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988 ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, hereby:

(a) revoke the Declaration and Determination made on 23 March 2001 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988 for the Clasp ‘SOMALIA’;

(b) declare, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged in the area comprising Somalia with the force known as:

(i) the Battalion Group in Operation SOLACE in the period that commenced on 10 January 1993 and ended on 21 May 1993;

(ii) the naval component in Operation SOLACE in the period that commenced on 10 January 1993 and ended on 21 May 1993;

(iii) the land component of the Second United Nations Operation in Somalia in the period that commenced on 1 May 1993 and ended on 28 March 1995; and

(iv) the air component of the Second United Nations Operation in Somalia in the period that commenced on 1 May 1993 and ended on 28 March 1995;

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

(c) determine, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp ‘SOMALIA’ ("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 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 member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature with the military contribution in the prescribed operation for a prescribed period;

(v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered assigned service as part of the Australian element of the prescribed operation, and who, completed a prescribed period and, 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;

(vi) in this paragraph:

(A) “prescribed period” for the prescribed operation at subparagraphs (b)(i), (b)(ii), (b)(iii) and (b)(iv) means, in relation to subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii) and (c)(v), a period of not less than one day; and in relation to subparagraph (c)(iv) a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days;

(B) “prescribed number of sorties” within the duration of the prescribed operation at subparagraphs (b)(i), (b)(ii), (b)(iii) and (b)(iv) means, in relation to subparagraphs (c)(iii) and (c)(v), one operational sortie;
PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the prescribed period required by subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii) or (c)(v) 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 that prescribed period or the prescribed number of sorties.

Dated 16/5 2011

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Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

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DAVID FEENEY
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence
For the Minister for Defence