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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 Iraq Medal, as detailed in the following Declaration and Determination:



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE IRAQ MEDAL REGULATIONS 2004

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

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 4 July 2005 under regulation 3 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 Falconer” – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United States led military operations to remove the threat of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, that:
 - (A) commenced on 18 March 2003 and ended on 30 April 2003 in the specified areas comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Yemen, 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, the Gulf of Aden, the Bab el Mandeb, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba;
 - (B) commenced on 1 May 2003 and ended on 22 July 2003 in the specified areas comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia North of 23 degrees North, the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz;
 - (ii) “Operation Catalyst” – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United States led coalition operations in Iraq to support the Australian effort to assist with the rehabilitation of Iraq and remove the threat of weapons of mass destruction, that commenced on

16 July 2003 in the specified areas comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia North of 23 degrees North, the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz;

(iii) "Operation Riverbank" – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, that commenced on 21 July 2008; and

(iv) "Operation Kruger" – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the provision of security in Iraq, that commenced on 1 January 2009;

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

(c) **determine**, under subregulation 5(3) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Iraq 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 *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;

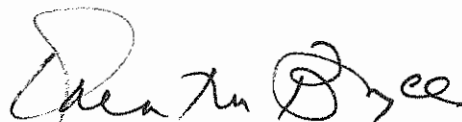
(iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* and who completed a *prescribed number of sorties* within the duration of the *prescribed operation*;

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

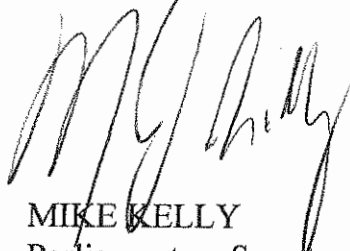
- (v) (A) in this paragraph "*prescribed period*" for the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph b(i)(A) means:
- (1) in relation to subparagraphs c(i), c(ii) and c(iv) a period of not less than seven days;
- (vi) (A) in this paragraph "*prescribed period*" for the *prescribed operation* at subparagraphs b(i)(B), b(ii), b(iii) and b(iv) means:
- (1) in relation to subparagraphs c(i), c(ii) and c(iv) a period of not less than 30 days;
- (vii) (A) in this paragraph "*prescribed number of sorties*" within the duration of the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph b(i)(A) means:
- (1) in relation to subparagraph c(iii) 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;
- (viii) (A) in this paragraph "*prescribed number of sorties*" within the duration of the *prescribed operation* at subparagraphs b(i)(B), b(ii), b(iii) and b(iv) means:
- (1) in relation to subparagraphs c(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 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.

Dated 27 *PS* 2009


Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



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Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support
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