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	<b>DECISION BRIEF FOR CDF (Through VCDF)</b>	
	<b>RETROSPECTIVE FORCE ASSIGNMENT OF TOUR DE FORCE MEMBERS TO OP TANAGER - DEC 2000</b>	
Group/Service:	VCDFE - MSC	Reference: EC23-001989
For information:	HMSC, DCJOPS, FASPS, ASPPEC, DCAF, DCA	Due date: Routine

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this brief is to address s47E(c)(d) of ADF band members who deployed to East Timor on OP TANAGER for Tour de Force concerts between 14 Dec 00 and 19 Jan 01.

**Recommendations**

2. Recommend that you:

a. **note** a review into band members who were part of the *Tour de Force* concert party in East Timor in Dec 00 was undertaken to assess if the members should be retrospectively FA to OP TANAGER - s47E(c)(d)


NOTED / PLEASE DISCUSS

b. **agree** a further body of work is to be undertaken to review s47C & s47E(d)

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c. **agree** a decision on the retrospective FA of s47F be deferred until a comprehensive review is completed; and

AGREED / NOT AGREED / PLEASE DISCUSS

s22   <b>Stephen G Chappell</b> AVM HMSC 30 Jun 23	a. NOTED / PLEASE DISCUSS b. AGREED / PLEASE DISCUSS c. AGREED / PLEASE DISCUSS d. APPROVED / PLEASE DISCUSS
	<b>Angus J Campbell</b> GEN CDF Jul 23
Contact Officer:	Tel: s47E(d)
Clearance Officer:	Tel: CDRE Dezentje, s47E(d)

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- d. **approve** the holding response MINREP at [Enclosure 1].

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / PLEASE DISCUSS

**Key points**

3. On 20 Mar 23, s47F wrote to MINDP obo s47F regarding retrospective FA of s47F to OP TANAGER for s47 deployment with the Air Command Band on the *Tour de Force* concerts to East Timor in Dec 2000. s47F

4. Nature of Service Directorate (NOSD) initial investigation into the deployment for the Dec 00 to Jan 01 *Tour de Force* concerts identified a nominal roll of s47C, 47E who were to deploy as part of the concert party to East Timor. The roll comprised (c)(d) members from s47E(c)(d)

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## Background

10. A 26 Jul 00 Minute from the Directorate of Personnel Support and Amenities to HQAST discussed the concept of the December concert tour to East Timor and stated that the concert party would enter Timor [*sic*] assigned as *visitors*. The same Minute said the December concert should achieve the stated purpose of Forces Advisory Committee on Entertainment (FACE) concerts by providing a welcome welfare and morale boost to deployed forces to East Timor, at the special time of Christmas.

11. HQAST Admin Instruction 09/2000 dated 04 Dec 00 states the series of concerts known as the *Tour de Force* coordinated by FACE (comprising of the Air Command and 1 RAR Bands plus civilian contract artists and support staff) would be conducted in East Timor in Dec-00 in order to ensure troops have as much welfare support as possible during the Christmas period.

12. s47E(d)

The Air Command Band deployed to East Timor 14-29 Dec 00 while the 1 RAR Band deployed 14 Dec 00 - 18 Jan 01.

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14. HQAST *OP TANAGER Visit Policy*, signed by COMAST in Feb 00, provides criteria to categorise personnel deploying to East Timor. The policy made a distinction between *Supplementation Personnel*, being personnel FA for a short period to directly support achievement of Australian objectives in East Timor; and *Visitors*, being all other personnel deploying to East Timor. *Supplementation Personnel* attracted OP TANAGER warlike conditions of service, carried weapons and were subject to OP TANAGER ROE. *Visitors* did not attract OP TANAGER warlike conditions of service, were not FA, did not carry weapons and applied ADF peacetime ROE.

15. ADF members deploying over 14 days were required to undertake force preparation and could be FA as augmentation teams as *Supplementation Personnel*. Band members completed the necessary force preparation for their deployment. *Supplementation personnel* were to carry weapons; however, band members did not as they were provided a protection element.

16. HQAST directed that visits to East Timor were to be funded by respective Groups, yet the concert tour was funded by HQAST which indicated that HQAST staff believed the concert tour supported the mission of OP TANAGER.

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**Consultation**

29. s47E(d) [redacted] Defence Tax Management Office, Defence Finance Group
30. s47E(d) [redacted], Veterans and Families, Directorate of Honours and Awards
31. s47E(d) [redacted], Director Liability and Service Eligibility, Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Prepared by: s47E(d) [redacted]  
Cleared by: DNOS – s47E(d) [redacted]

**Enclosure**

1. Draft MINREP MC23-001707

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**Minister** Matt Keogh

**PDR Number** MC23-001707

**Subject** DVA - MC23-001643 - MINREP - s47F obo  
s47F - Active Military Service  
Classifications

**Initiator** s47F

**Action Officer:** Commodore Don Dezentje, RAN  
**Phone:** s47E(d)

**Clearance Officer:** Vice Admiral David Johnston, AC, RAN  
**Phone:** s47E(d)

**Group/Division** Military Strategic Commitments Division

**Date response provided to MO: 6 July 2023**

**Copies/referral required:**

**Department Comments:**

s47F, wrote to you on 20 April 2023 on behalf of s47F, s47F

The Tour de Force concert was organised as part of a welfare and morale boost for deployed personnel who were in East Timor on Operation TANAGER over Christmas. Operation TANAGER was an ADF operation supporting the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor from 20 February 2000 to 19 May 2002. The nature of service classification for the operation was determined to be warlike. For members to be entitled to veterans' benefits, they had to be force assigned (FA) to Operation TANAGER.

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s47C & 47E(c)(d). A decision on the request to s47F should therefore be deferred until the review is complete.

The outcome and course of action will be provided to you as soon as practicable.

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	<b>NFA Y/N</b>

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**THE HON MATT KEOGH MP**  
**MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
**MINISTER FOR DEFENCE PERSONNEL**

Ref No: MC23-001707

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Dear s47F

Thank you for your representation of 20 April 2023 on behalf of s47F regarding s47F service as Royal Australian Air Force members of the Air Command Band on the 'Tour de Force' concert tour in East Timor during December 2000. I apologise for the delay in responding.

From 20 February 2000 to 19 May 2002, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) supported the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor. The ADF deployed under Operation TANAGER and the nature of service classification for this operation was determined to be warlike. For ADF members to be eligible for veterans' benefits, they had to be directly supporting the achievement of Australian objectives in East Timor and be force assigned (FA) to Operation TANAGER.

Forces Entertainment Tours (FET), such as the 'Tour de Force' concert in December 2000, are conducted to provide live entertainment in support of ADF operations, and to demonstrate to deployed members that their service is valued by Defence and the wider Australian community.

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s47C & 47E(c) As such, a decision s47F has been deferred until the review is completed. I will inform you of the outcome in due course.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

**HON MATT KEOGH MP**

July 2023

## RETROSPECTIVE FA OF FORCE ENTERTAINMENT TOUR (FET) – OP TANAGER – EAST TIMOR DEC 2000 – JAN 2001

### Background

- On 20 Mar 23, s47F wrote to MINDP obo s47F regarding retrospective Force Assignment (FA) of s47F to OP TANAGER for s47F deployment with the Air Command Band on the Tour de Force concerts to East Timor in Dec 2000. Cited precedence was the s47F
- Operation TANAGER is determined to be warlike service during the period 20 Feb 00 – 19 May 02 in 'East Timor and the territorial sea of East Timor' in the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.
- Other periods of warlike service in East Timor include: Operation WARDEN 16 Sep 99 – 10 Apr 00; Operation FABER 16 Sep 99 – 23 Feb 00; Operation STABILISE 16 Sep 99 – 23 Feb 00; and Operation CITADEL 20 May 02 – 17 Aug 03.
- Directorate of Personnel Support and Amenities to HQAST Minute 26 Jul 00 advised the concert party would be assigned as visitors to enter East Timor.
- Personnel assigned as *visitors* to an operational area are not entitled to the conditions of service associated with being assigned for operational duty.

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### Talking Points

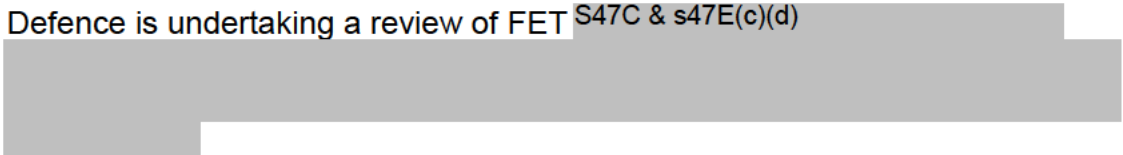
- An initial review into the matter s47E(c)(d) application of personnel assigned as visitors and application of entitlements.

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- Defence is undertaking a review of FET S47C & s47E(c)(d)



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- Defence intent is to provide consistent application wherever practicable, not exacerbate existing disquiet, and not cause disadvantage to individuals for past decisions.
  - Generally, if it is Defence's error which has seen members FA for operational duties when they should have probably been assigned as visitors, the preferred option is not to take these entitlements away.

Clearance	Name	Appointment	Date and time
Drafted by	s47E(d)	Dir NOS	18 Aug 23

<b>Cleared by</b>	CDRE Don Dezentje, RAN s22	DGMSC	18 Aug 23
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	<b>DECISION BRIEF FOR VCDF:</b>  <b>OP TANAGER - TOUR DE FORCE DECEMBER 2000 – RETROSPECTIVE FORCE ASSIGNMENT REVIEW 2024</b>	
	Group/Service: VCDF – MSC For information: CPERS, DCJOPS, FASPS, ASPPEC, DCAF, DCA	Reference: EC24-001805 Due date: Routine

**References:**

- A. MC23-001707 - Tour De Force East Timor – s47F obo s47F
- B. EC23-001989 - DB for CDF - Retrospective FA of Tour de Force members - OP TANAGER Dec 2000 of 30 Jun 23
- C. MSC - NOSD - Forces Entertainment Tour – Meeting Talking Points of 21 Nov 23
- D. HQJOC Operational Support Library (OSL) Part 2, Vol 1, Chap 1.1
- E. DCJOPS Minute to HMSC – s47E(d) Force Assignment Status of 04 Mar 24

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this brief is to provide you with options to address historical Force Assignment (FA) s47E(d) to East Timor on OP TANAGER, between 14 Dec 00 and 19 Jan 01.

**Recommendations**

- 2. That you:
  - a. note an initial review of the Tour de Force concert party, to East Timor in Dec 00, was undertaken in 2023 to assess retrospective FA to OP TANAGER. s47E(d)

s22  <b>Jonathan Earley</b> RADM, RAN HMSC Tel: s47E(d)  Aug 24	s22  <b>Justine Greig</b> Ms DEPSEC DP Tel: s47E(d)  /2Aug 24	a. Noted / <del>Please discuss</del> b. Noted / <del>Please discuss</del> c. Noted / <del>Please discuss</del> d. Agreed / <del>Not Agreed/ Please discuss</del> e. Agreed / <del>Not Agreed/ Please discuss</del> s22  <b>Robert Chipman</b> s22 AIRMSHL VCDF Tel: s47E(d)  20Aug 24
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- b. **note** this brief provides the findings of a comprehensive review examining the Dec 00 Tour de Force concert only; s47E(d)
- c. **note** DCJOPS confirmation that current processes are sound, with little to no risk of historical issues being replicated (Enclosure 4).

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### Key Issues

3. On 20 Apr 23, s47F wrote to MINDP obo s47F seeking retrospective FA of s47F to OP TANAGER for s47 deployment with the Air Command Band on the Tour de Force concert to East Timor in Dec 00. s47F

4. The Nature of Service Directorate (NOSD) conducted an initial investigation into the December 2000 Tour de Force concert, which included the Air Command Band and the 1 RAR Army Band. 47E(c)(d)

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9. HQAST *OP TANAGER Visit Policy*, signed by COMAST on 21 Feb 00, distinguishes between two categories of personnel deploying to East Timor:
- a. **Supplementation Personnel.** Personnel FA for a short period to directly support achievement of Australian objectives in East Timor. Supplementation Personnel attracted OP TANAGER warlike conditions of service, carried weapons and were subject to OP TANAGER ROE.
  - b. **Visitors.** All other personnel deploying to East Timor. Visitors did not attract OP TANAGER warlike conditions of service, were not FA, did not carry weapons and applied ADF peacetime ROE.
10. The Dec 00 Tour de Force band members undertook force preparation but deployed unarmed.
11. Current policy, in Enclosure 4, states that ADF personnel conducting FETs are to be FA to the relevant operation as visitors. s47E(d) [REDACTED] d Operations Team for the region will make a determination as to the members' status on an operation, based on whether they are contributing directly to the operation, or are in support.
12. s47E(d) [REDACTED]

### Background

13. NOSD identified 47E(c)(d) [REDACTED] who deployed as part of the Tour de Force for OP TANAGER in Dec 00. Of this total, 47E(c)(d) [REDACTED]
- a. 47E(c)(d) [REDACTED]
  - b. Members assigned as visitors or who have no OPLOG entry have no entitlement to warlike veterans' benefits or the AASM with Clasp 'EAST TIMOR' for this FET.
14. HQAST Admin Instruction 09/2000 of 04 Dec 00 discusses a concert known as the Tour de Force, coordinated by the Forces Advisory Committee on Entertainment (comprising


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the Air Command Band, 1 RAR Band, plus civilian contract artists and support staff), would be conducted in East Timor in Dec 00. The purpose of the tour was to ensure troops had as much welfare support as possible, during the Christmas period.

15. s47E(d) [REDACTED] The Air Command Band deployed to East Timor over 14-29 Dec 00, while the 1 RAR Band deployed over the period 14 Dec 00 - 18 Jan 01.


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### Way ahead

17. There is no palatable outcome that will appease all the veteran community. Any decision could be considered unfair to at least one cohort of current/former ADF members.

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21. s47E(c)(d) [REDACTED]

**Consultation**

22. The following people were consulted on this brief:

- a. s47E(d) [REDACTED] Special Counsel (DPG), Defence Legal.
- b. s47E(d) [REDACTED] Assistant Director, Defence Honours and Awards Policy HR Services, DPG.

**Enclosures:**

- 1. MC23-001707 - Tour De Force East Timor - s47F [REDACTED] obo s47F [REDACTED]
- 2. EC23-001989 - DB for CDF - Retrospective FA of Tour de Force members - OP TANAGER Dec 2000 of 30 Jun 23
- 3. MSC - NOSD - Forces Entertainment Tour – Meeting Talking Points of 21 Nov 23
- 4. HQJOC Operational Support Library (OSL) Part 2, Vol 1, Chap 1.1
- 5. DCJOPS Minute to HMSC - s47E(d) [REDACTED] Force Assignment Status of 04 Mar 24
- 6. Documents provided by Air Force Band.

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## FORCE ASSIGNMENT STATUS OF FORCE ENTERTAINMENT TOURS ON WARLIKE OPERATIONS

### Background

- In response to a MINREP from the <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] to MINDP on 20 Mar 23, the Nature of Service Directorate (NOSD) undertook a review into the force assignment (FA) status <sup>s47C & s47E(d)</sup> [redacted]
- Precedence for retrospective FA was cited following approval <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]
- Current policy, per HQ JOC Operational Support Library (OSL) Part 2, Vol 1, Chap 1.1, stipulates members conducting forces entertainment are assigned to the operation as *visitors*.
- A Minute from Directorate of Personnel Support and Amenities to HQAST dated 26 Jul 00 advised the concert party for the 2000 Tour de Force FET would be assigned to the operation as *visitors*.
- Personnel assigned as *visitors* to a *warlike* operational area are not entitled to the conditions of service and veteran benefits associated with being FA for operational duty.

<sup>s47C & s47E(c)(d)</sup> [redacted]


### Force Assignment Status

- Members who are FA or assigned for *temporary duty* on a *warlike* operation are entitled to additional veterans' benefits.
- Members who were FA or assigned for *temporary duty* on *warlike* operations prior to 2014 received the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) with the correlating "clasp" and the Returned from Active Service (RAS) Badge. <sup>s47E(c)(d)</sup> [redacted]

- Members who are assigned as *visitors* or have no <sup>s47E(d)</sup> entry have no entitlement to additional veterans' benefits or medallic recognition. The exception being individuals with 30 days of continuous or aggregated service in the operational area, who are awarded the AOSM and "clasp".
- An initial review into the assignment status of FET members who performed as part of a Tour de Force for OP TANAGER in Dec 2000 <sup>s47C & 47E(c)(d)</sup>

- A further review into FETs <sup>s47C & 47E(c)(d)</sup>

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- Current policy states members conducting forces entertainment are assigned to the operation as *visitors*. Policy in 2000 stated members of the concert party would be assigned as *visitors*.

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9. **Visitor status to an operation.** ADF members, non-Defence civilians and Defence civilians who are classified as visitors, will be FA <sup>s47E(d)</sup> [redacted] of the appropriate command authority. They are not entitled to the relevant COS. This is indicated through visitor status against <sup>s47E(d)</sup> [redacted]. The following are taken into consideration when assigning members as visitors:


- a. Deploying as part of a visit and not directly contributing to the operation.

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- i. Conducting forces entertainment or public affairs activities.
- j. VIP and VVIP visitors.

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### References:

- A. Minute – HMSC/DCJOPS s47E(d) dated 21 Feb 24
- B. HQJOC–J3 SOP 0.07 Temporary Force Assignment and Visitors on CJOPS Operations

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1. In ref A, you s47E(d) sought a review of current procedures and assurance that FA processes are best practice on behalf of VCDF. There are two distinct processes related to FA. s47E(d)

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s47E(d) HQJOC does not hold records relating to pre-2017 decisions regarding a members' designation.

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4. s47E(d) I am comfortable that the systems of today are fit for purpose, s47E(d) My point

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of contact for this matter is s47E(d) HQJOC J1, Tel: s47E(d) or email:  
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**Justin Jones, CSC**  
Rear Admiral, RAN  
Deputy Chief of Joint Operations  
Headquarters Joint Operations Command

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## Ministerial Correspondence

MS24-001364

<b>Minister</b>	The Hon Matt Keogh MP
<b>CC</b>	SEC, CDF, ASSOCSEC, CJOPS, DEPSEC GOV, FASMECC
<b>Subject</b>	s47F [redacted] obo s47F [redacted] – Operation TANAGER – Force Entertainment Tour – East Timor December 2000
<b>Initiator</b>	s47F [redacted]
<b>Group/Division</b>	VCDF Group
<b>Clearance Officer</b>	Air Marshal Robert Chipman, AO, CSC Vice Chief Defence Force s47E(d) [redacted]
<b>Clearance Date</b>	30 August 2024
<b>Action Officer</b>	s47E(d) [redacted] Director Nature of Service s47E(d) [redacted]
<b>Date Response First Provided to the Office</b>	30 August 2024
<b>Date Redraft Provided to the Office</b>	

**Department Comments:**

s47F [redacted] wrote to you on 20 April 2023 on behalf of s47F [redacted], concerning recognition of s47F [redacted] service while deployed to East Timor as part of the 'Tour de Force' Concert series of December 2000 for Operation TANAGER. You wrote interim responses to s47F [redacted] on 12 August 2023 (MC23-001707) and 2 April 2024 (MS24-000190) while Defence s47C & s47E(d) [redacted]

s47C & 47E(c)(d) [redacted]

In accordance with Defence policy, ADF band members should be force assigned as visitors, unless they conduct other duties in support of that operation.

After considering all options, the Vice Chief of the Defence Force (VCDF) Air Marshal Robert Chipman AO CSC has decided to apply defence policy consistently, but not retrospectively change individual status (Attachment A). s47E(c)(d) [redacted]

The attached letter to s47F [redacted] advises that Defence has investigated the force assignment of ADF band members to ADF operations. In accordance with the VCDF decision and consistent with Defence policy, s47F [redacted]

Furthermore, the Deputy Chief of Joint Operations has confirmed that the current force assignment processes are sound, s47E(d) [REDACTED].

Attachment A: EC24-001805 – Operation TANAGER – DB for VCDF – OP TANAGER – FET

**Minister's Office Comments**

RefNo: MS24-001364

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Dear s47F,

**s47F – OPERATION TANAGER – FORCE ENTERTAINMENT TOUR – EAST TIMOR DECEMBER 2000**

I write to you regarding your representation of 20 April 2023, on behalf of s47F, regarding s47F service as members of the Air Command Band on the 'Tour de Force' concert tour in East Timor during December 2000 for Operation TANAGER. I appreciate the time taken to raise the matter with me and I apologise for the delay in responding.

s47E(d)

Defence policy for Force Entertainment Tours is that ADF band members should be force assigned as visitors to ADF operations. Visitors are not eligible for additional veterans' benefits as a result of their deployment, but may make a claim for injuries related to their service with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) in the same way that is available for all ADF members.

s47E(d) the Vice Chief of the Defence Force Air Marshal Robert Chipman AO CSC has decided to apply defence policy consistently, s47E(c)(d)

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I understand this is not the outcome that s47F were hoping for. However, I would like to add that any current or former ADF member can make a claim to the DVA for medical treatment, compensation, and other entitlements, such as rehabilitation and vocational services, for any condition related to s47F service. The precise entitlements that are available in relation to service related medical conditions may differ depending on the timing and circumstances of a member's service. Additionally, under the Non-Liability Health Care program administered by the DVA, medical treatment may be obtained for certain conditions, including mental health conditions, irrespective of a link to military service. More information is available on the DVA website [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au).

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I again apologise for the delay, but please pass on my genuine gratitude to s47F for s47F respective service in the Royal Australian Air Force. I encourage s47F to contact DVA for assistance with any claim relating to s47F service.

Yours faithfully,

**HON MATT KEOGH MP**

September 2024

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HQAST 00353/00

## COMAST POLICY FOR CATEGORISATION OF PERSONNEL DEPLOYING TO EAST TIMOR

### Reference:

A. HQAST 00129/00 dated 21 Feb 00 - Visits and Individual Reinforcement Policy

### General

1. Personnel deploying to East Timor (EM) are to be correctly categorised to ensure their legal status in EM, that their Conditions of Service (COS) entitlements are clear, that unambiguous command and control arrangements are in place, and that there is no doubt as to their Rules of Engagement (ROE).

### Categories

2. Personnel are to be categorised in one of the following three categories:

- a. **Establishment Position Personnel.** These are personnel who are force assigned to fill an authorised establishment position, within the agreed personnel cap for the ASNCE or for a unit assigned to UNTAET. These personnel attract OP Tanager COS, carry weapons and apply OP Tanager or ASNCE ROE as applicable.
- b. **Supplementation Personnel.** These are personnel who are force assigned for a short period to complete work for the force, as part of an augmentation team supplementary to the ASNCE establishment. These personnel attract OP Tanager COS, carry weapons and apply ASNCE ROE. They will be assigned under OPCON COMASC.
- c. **Visitors.** These are all other personnel deploying to EM. These personnel do not attract OP Tanager COS, they do not carry weapons and will apply ADF Peacetime ROE. They will be under NATCOMD COMASC during their stay in EM.



### **Delineation between Categories**

3. Personnel in the Establishment Position category are clearly defined by being part of an approved SED or establishment position for OP TANAGER.

4. The distinction between personnel in the remaining two categories is to be determined using the following criteria as a basis for case by case determination:

- a. **Purpose of Deployment.** If the purpose of the deployment is to directly support achievement of AS objectives in EM, then they may be force assigned as augmentation teams.
- b. **Duration of Deployment.** If the deployment is to be for 14 days or more (therefore requiring force preparation), then they may be force assigned as augmentation teams.
- c. **Location of Deployment.** If the personnel are required to operate in an area where COMASC determines that the risk necessitates carriage of weapons, then they may be force assigned as augmentation teams.

5. In broad terms, personnel may be categorised as Supplementation Personnel provided the purpose of their deployment meets AS objectives and is for a period greater than 14 days. Personnel may also be approved as Supplementation Personnel for a lesser period, where COMASC determines that the risk necessitates the carriage of weapons. Exceptions will be assessed on a case by case basis. All other requests should be processed in the first instance as visitors, IAW Ref A.

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*Original Signed By*

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Air Vice-Marshal

Commander Australian Theatre

7 April 00



## DIRECTORATE OF PERSONNEL SUPPORT AND AMENITIES

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### HQAST

### CONCEPT- DECEMBER CONCERT PARTY VISIT TO EAST TIMOR

#### Background

1. The Forces Advisory Committee on Entertainment (FACE), earlier this year, developed a schedule of entertainment for deployed forces in East Timor. The Chairman of FACE sought and obtained Minister's endorsement of this schedule.
2. On advice from HQAST, FACE determined that there should be two East Timor concert party visits in 2000, with the mid-year concert in July having a smaller profile than an end-of-year performance. Defence Force bands would provide the core of both concert party activities. For the December visit, FACE would seek the assistance from three 'name' guest artists who are capable of playing in small venues in the 'unplugged' mode. A well known rock band would also be sought to round out the concert party. Up to two comperes would be required for the major performances. The scale of the December concert would not warrant TV broadcasts.

#### Purpose

3. This concept for the December concert party visit to East Timor is provided for HQAST to seek COMAST's in-principle agreement for the concept and preliminary support for the administrative arrangements necessary to ensure the success of the concert party visit.

#### Planning, Dates and Schedule

4. HQAST has overall responsibility for the detailed planning and execution of the December concert party visit. The visit is proposed to take place from 13 Dec - 29 Dec 2000, with the civilian artists involved in the main period of 18 -22 Dec. Major performances will occur in Dili on 19 Dec and Maliana on 21 Dec. These locations are accessible by, or have the most significant concentrations of ADF personnel. There are plans to include a number of performances at other smaller venues and to support some UN activities in Dili. The proposed schedule of events is attached at Annex A.

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**Concert Party Composition**

7. It is expected a RAAF Band together with the 1 RAR Band will provide the core of the December concert party. Individual civilian artists and a rock band would be the main performers. A small production team would need to be contracted to provide sound and lighting. The proposed December concert party composition is attached at Annex C.

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**Security**

11. HQAST would provide the necessary security threat assessment for the conduct of the visit and any consequent limitations on performances and locations. The concert party will enter Timor assigned as visitors. This will require the provision of Close Personal Protection for all activities and movement between locations: a significant operational impost.

**In-Country Support**

12. The July Band concert tour will provide a ready indicator of likely logistic support required from within East Timor. Suitable Hotel and Service accommodation and local transport for the concert party will need to be secured relatively early. Given the state of roads, weather and time limitations, dedicated air transport will be needed for in-country movement from Dili to Maliana and return.

**Cost Estimate**

13. A preliminary cost estimate for the December concert party visit can be developed once approval in-principle has been given to this concept.

**Conclusion**

14. The proposed December concert party visit should achieve the stated purpose of FACE concerts by providing a welcome welfare and morale boost to the deployed forces to East Timor, at the special time of Christmas. This welfare and morale effect can be secured at a relatively modest cost to Defence, though not without some considerable administrative effort.

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**Annexes:**

- A. Proposed Sequence of Events
- B. Preliminary Risk Analysis
- C. Proposed Concert Party Composition
- D. Forecast Major Transport Requirements



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2. COMAST has directed that due to limited resources and the need to focus on operational tasks, all visits and individual rotations to East Timor (EM) be strictly controlled.

#### AIM

3. The aim of this document is to detail the policy for individual reinforcements, supplementation personnel and visits to UNTAET and the ASNCE-EM, and temporary departures from EM.

#### INDIVIDUAL REINFORCEMENTS

4. Normal reinforcement chain of command processes apply for force assigned personnel deploying to an establishment position. s47E(d)

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This is the authority for travel.

#### SUPPLEMENTATION PERSONNEL

5. Personnel required to augment the force for a short period may deploy as force assigned supplementation personnel in accordance with ref C. s47E(d)

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9. FE committed to OP TANAGER are force assigned to COMAST, s47E(d)  
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10. The delineation of types of visits to UNTAET EM is as follows:

a. **Working Visits.** Personnel who are posted to units in theatre, but who are not force assigned and still in AS, are to have their Commanders seek approval through their chain of command from COMAST for those members to visit. These are to be referred to as working visits. Justification from the unit concerned to HQ AST is required. Personnel with working visit status will not attract OP TANAGER COS. will not be armed, and will apply ADF peacetime ROE. s47E(d)



b. **VIP Visits.** Parliamentarians and Two Star (E) and above visits are to be referred to as VIP Visits. s47E(d)



c. **Visits.** All other visits are referred to as visits. Detailed justification is required.

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26. **Weapons and ROE/OFOF.** No visitors to EM are to carry weapons. The ROE to be applied by all visitors to EM is normal peacetime ROE, as authorised in the OP TANAGER ROE.

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## **AMENDMENT FIVE TO OP TANAGER – VISITS AND INDIVIDUAL REINFORCEMENT POLICY**

### **References:**

- A. HQAST 612-31-3 Pt 1 00129/00 OP TANAGER – Visits and Individual Reinforcement Policy dated 12 Apr 00
- B. COMAST Policy Re Visits to EM of 180030Z Jul 00

1. **Situation.** The OP TANAGER - Visits & Individual Reinforcement Policy has been reviewed to amplify COMAST guidance issued at reference B and to ensure all visitors complete and submit a personal particulars form to the National Welfare Coordination Centre (NWCC). Points of contact for visit approvals and processing have also been amended.

2. **Amendment.** Accordingly, reference A is amended as follows:

a. Insert new para 9.

9. FE committed to OP TANAGER are force assigned to COMAST, who further assigns them to the UNTAET PKF command structure. Consequently, visits by Commanders from the FE's previous AS unit level and below command structure are inappropriate. Command visit proposals will only be approved for one star and above visitors, including RAN/RAAF FEG Commanders, Army Formation Commanders and COS of operational HQ.

b. Amend para 9b.

b. **VIP Visits.** Parliamentarians and Two Star (E) and above visits are to be referred to as VIP Visits. s47E(d)

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Particular attention should be paid to the Special Requirements section in the Visit Request.

c. Insert new para 35.

35. All visitors deploying to EM are to complete a Next of Kin (NOK) details form. The completed NOK details are to be forwarded to the National Welfare Coordination Centre (NWCC) at s47E(d). The form is available at <http://pubs.cbr-dps.defence.gov.au/wfs/>. POC for NWCC is s47E(d)

d. Paras 10, 11 and Annex A para 2 delete j351 insert j311.

e. Following paras are to be renumbered accordingly.

f. Insert Updated 'Annex F' Points of contact (Enclosure 1) which now includes updated appointments and phone numbers.

3. **Web Page.** A fully amended version of the Visit Policy is posted on the JCSS HQAST OP TANAGER Web Page.
4. **ACK Instructions.** Action addressees are to ACK.

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Enclosure:

1. Updated Annex F

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