

DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

MATTER NO 9 of 2010

REVIEW OF SEAGOING ALLOWANCE

AND

SUBMARINE SERVICE ALLOWANCE

STATEMENT

On 24 November 2010, the Tribunal heard submissions on the review of Seagoing Allowance (SGA) and Submarine Service Allowance (SSA). The Parties proposed:

- that the matter be adjourned, pending the adjournment the structure and quanta of Seagoing and Submarine Service Allowances continue unchanged;
- the nexus between Seagoing Allowance and Submarine Service Allowance continues unchanged;
- the Hard Lying Allowance quantum remain unchanged as a daily rate for the same range of disabilities for which SGA and SSA are paid;
- the structure and quanta of the Boarding Party Element continues unchanged; and
- that a further review of Seagoing and Submarine Service Allowances be incorporated into the upcoming holistic review of allowances.

During the period 02-03 November 2010 the Tribunal inspected the work of submariners and surface vessel crew members on board HMAS WALLER and HMAS WARRAMUNGA and was briefed by a number of Navy members.

At this stage we agree to the adjournment and proposals of the parties. We note that there were a number of issues raised during the inspections, such as tiering levels, which will need to be addressed during the broader review of allowances in 2011.

THE HONOURABLE PATRICIA LEARY

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REAR ADMIRAL BRIAN ADAMS AO, RAN (Ret'd)

Wednesday 22 December 2010