DETERMINATION 2013/12

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984

DETERMINATION OF CONDITION ON EXERCISE OF POWER OF OFFICER-HOLDERS, SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EMPLOY STAFF

OFFICE-HOLDERS, SENATORS AND MEMBERS MUST NOT EMPLOY FAMILY MEMBERS

I, MICHAEL JOHN CLYDE RONALDSON, Special Minister of State, for and on behalf of the Prime Minister, pursuant to sections 13(2) and 20(2) of the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 determine that the power conferred on officer-holders, Senators and Members of the House of Representatives by sections 13(1) and 20(1) of the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984, to employ staff on behalf of the Commonwealth, is subject to the condition that the power can only be exercised if the person employed is not a member of the office-holder’s, Senator’s or Member’s immediate family.

For the purposes of this determination, a person is a member of an officer-holder’s, Senator’s or Member’s immediate family if the person is:

a) a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent or sibling of the office-holder, Senator or Member;

b) a child of the spouse or de facto partner of the office-holder, Senator or Member;

c) a spouse or de facto partner of a child of the office-holder, Senator or Member; or

d) a spouse or de facto partner of a sibling of the office-holder, Senator or Member.

This determination has effect from 1 January 2014.

Dated this 23 day of December 2013

SENATOR THE HON. MICHAEL RONALDSON
Special Minister of State