Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984

EMPLOYMENT OF ELECTORATE OFFICERS

I, MICHAEL JOHN CLYDE RONALDSON, Special Minister of State, for and on behalf of
the Prime Minister, determine under subsections 13(2) and 20(2) of the Members of
Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 (the Act) that, with effect on and from the date of this
Determination:

1. Determination 2007/Part IV/1 dated 15 January 2007 is revoked.

2. Electorate Officers work under the sole direction of the employing Senator or Member
and are employed to assist the Senator or Member to carry out duties as a Member of
Parliament, and not for party political purposes.

3. Each Senator or Member may employ staff, in accordance with subsections 13(1) or
20(1) of the Act, against three full-time Electorate Officer positions with a work base of
the electorate office and one full-time Electorate Officer position with a work base of
either the electorate office, Parliament House office, or office holder’s office as
described at item 5.

4. Members who are entitled to a second electorate office at Commonwealth expense may
employ staff against one additional full-time Electorate Officer position with a work
base of that office.

5. For the purpose of item 3, an office holder’s office is an office, other than the electorate
office/s and Parliament House office, provided at Commonwealth expense to the
employing Senator or Member within the state or territory of their electorate and who
is:

(a) a Minister;
(b) an Opposition Office Holder¹;
(c) a Leader of a Minority Party²; or
(d) a Presiding Officer.

¹ The Leader or Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives; or the Leader or
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
² The leader of a recognized non-Government party of at least five members, but not an Opposition Office
Holder.
6. The Special Minister of State may approve an alternative work base for Electorate Officers in special circumstances.

7. Senators and Members who hold a ‘relevant office’, as defined under section 3 of the Act, employ Electorate Officers in positions allocated by this Determination under Part III of the Act. Senators and Members who do not hold a ‘relevant office’ employ Electorate Officers in positions allocated by this Determination under Part IV of the Act.

Dated this 10 day of November 2014

SENATOR THE HON. MICHAEL RONALDSON
Special Minister of State