Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990

INSTRUMENT OF AUTHORISATION

PROVISION OF OFFICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I, MICHAEL RONALDSON, Special Minister of State, acting under the Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990 (‘the Act’) authorise:

1. The person from time to time holding, occupying or performing the duties of Speaker of the House of Representatives (‘the Speaker of the House’), to exercise, for and on my behalf, my power to approve:

   a. office information technology equipment and facilities (‘office IT’) for Members of the House of Representatives (‘Members’), under sub-item 7(1), Part 1, Schedule 1 to the Act (Item 7); and

   b. office IT for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives and the leader of a minority party in the House of Representatives (‘Leaders’), under item 5, Part 2, Schedule 1 to the Act (Item 5),

   subject to the direction set out in paragraph 3 below.

2. For the purposes of this authorisation, office IT means the following equipment and facilities:

   a. desktop computers and peripherals;
   b. portable computers (laptops, tablets and hybrids) and peripherals;
   c. software;
   d. printers (including label printers and copy printers);
   e. scanners;
   f. multi-function devices;
   g. remote access tokens for employees of Members and/or Leaders;
   h. mobile telephones (including smartphones and satellite telephones);
   i. all information technology training for employees of Members and/or Leaders;
   j. IT support for the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives during election campaigns (campaign support).

3. This authorisation is subject to my direction that, prior to approving any office IT for Members and/or Leaders, the Speaker of the House must confer with the President of the Senate (who is authorised to approve office IT for Senators) and must be satisfied that any office IT benefits to be provided to Members and/or Leaders, other than campaign support, are the same as, or are of a similar nature and value to, office IT normally provided to Senators.
This instrument revokes and replaces all previous instruments that authorise a person or persons to exercise the Special Minister of State’s power under Item 7 or Item 5 to the Act, to approve office IT for Members and/or Leaders.

MICHAEL RONALDSON
Special Minister of State

26 November 2013