Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990

INSTRUMENT OF AUTHORISATION

PROVISION OF OFFICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO SENATORS

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 President of the Senate (‘the President of the Senate’), to exercise, for and on my behalf, my power to approve:
   a. office information technology equipment and facilities (‘office IT’) for Senators, 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 Senate and the leader of a minority party in the Senate (‘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 Senators and/or Leaders;
   h. mobile telephones (including smartphones and satellite telephones);
   i. all information technology training for employees of Senators and/or Leaders.

3. This authorisation is subject to my direction that, prior to approving any office IT for Senators and/or Leaders, the President of the Senate must confer with the Speaker of the House of Representatives (who is authorised to approve office IT for Members of the House of Representatives (‘MHRs’)) and must be satisfied that any office IT benefits to be provided to Senators and/or Leaders, are the same as, or are of a similar nature and value to, office IT normally provided to MHRs.
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 Senators and/or Leaders.

MICHAEL RONALDSON
Special Minister of State

26 November 2013