

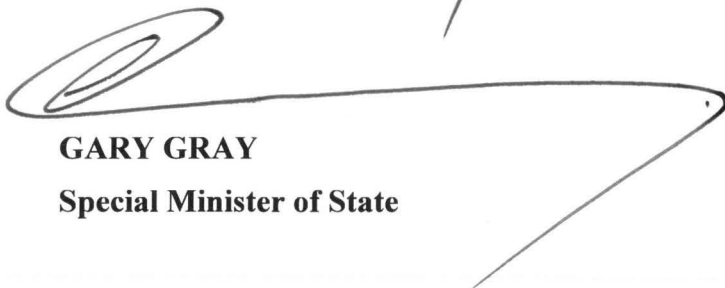
Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984

DETERMINATION REGARDING MINISTERIAL STAFF

I, GARY GRAY, Special Minister of State, for and on behalf of the Prime Minister determine under subsection 14(3) of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (the Act) that:

1. Determination 2004-05/Part III/6 made on 30 August 2004 is revoked.
2. The following terms and conditions apply to the employment of the staff of Ministers employed under Part III of the Act:
 - (a) The employee must provide to the employing Minister, and keep up-to-date, a statement of private interests.
 - (b) Subject to clause 2(c), employment is conditional on the employee obtaining and maintaining a Negative Vetting Level 2 security clearance.
 - (c) In exceptional circumstances the Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department may, on the recommendation of the Minister's Chief of Staff and Portfolio Department, approve a variation of clause 2(b) of this determination where:
 - (i) in the case of an electorate officer who works to a Minister who is a member of the National Security Committee of Cabinet, the electorate officer has no access to security classified information above Protected; or
 - (ii) in the case of an electorate officer who works to a Minister who is not a member of the National Security Committee of Cabinet, the electorate officer has no access to security classified information above Secret.
 - (d) Where a variation has been issued in accordance with clause 2(c) of this determination, employment is conditional on the employee obtaining and maintaining a security clearance at a level required by the Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department, as advised by the Minister's Portfolio Department, in accordance with the *Australian Government Personnel Security Protocol*, as amended from time to time.

Dated this 30th day of *January* 2012



GARY GRAY
Special Minister of State