

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984

**MINISTERIAL STAFF - PRIVATE INTERESTS
DECLARATION, CODE OF CONDUCT AND SECURITY
CLEARANCE**

I, DON FARRELL, 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 2022/23, made on 5 August 2022, 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 private interests declaration.
 - (b) The employee must comply with the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct.
 - (c) Employment is conditional on the employee obtaining and maintaining a security clearance at Negative Vetting Level 2 or at a level approved subject to clause 2(d).
 - (d) In exceptional circumstances the Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs may, on the recommendation of the Minister's Chief of Staff and Portfolio Department, approve a variation of the level of security clearance required under clause 2(c) 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.

Dated this

2th

day of

September 2023


DON FARRELL
Special Minister of State