

*Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*

**DETERMINATION OF CONDITION ON EXERCISE OF POWER OF  
OFFICER-HOLDERS, SENATORS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EMPLOY STAFF**

**OFFICE-HOLDERS, SENATORS AND MEMBERS  
MUST NOT EMPLOY FAMILY MEMBERS**

I, MICHAEL JOHN CLYDE RONALDSON, Special Minister of State, for and on behalf of the Prime Minister, pursuant to sections 13(2) and 20(2) of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* determine that the power conferred on officer-holders, Senators and Members of the House of Representatives by sections 13(1) and 20(1) of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*, to employ staff on behalf of the Commonwealth, is subject to the condition that the power can only be exercised if the person employed is not a member of the office-holder's, Senator's or Member's *immediate family*.

For the purposes of this determination, a person is a member of an officer-holder's, Senator's or Member's *immediate family* if the person is:

- a) a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent or sibling of the office-holder, Senator or Member;
- b) a child of the spouse or de facto partner of the office-holder, Senator or Member;
- c) a spouse or de facto partner of a child of the office-holder, Senator or Member; or
- d) a spouse or de facto partner of a sibling of the office-holder, Senator or Member.

This determination has effect from 1 January 2014.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2013



**SENATOR THE HON. MICHAEL RONALDSON**  
**Special Minister of State**