



ADSO ALLIANCE OF DEFENCE SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

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MEDIA STATEMENT

WELCOME NEWS THAT GOVERNMENT RESTORES SOME ADF ENTITLEMENTS REMOVED WITH PAY DEAL

The Alliance of Defence Service Organisations (ADSO) thanks the Government for today announcing that it has revoked its previous support for the need to offset the 1.5% per annum pay offer made to ADF members with ‘productivity initiatives’ that removed some leave, food and travel entitlements. These entitlements will now be restored.

The announcement clearly recognises the high levels of concern most ADF members and their families recently expressed about the paucity of the annual pay rise offered, representing barely half the expected annual inflation rate and an even lesser proportion of the expected rise of annual living costs. To most, the original pay decision in no way seemed to recognise the uniqueness of military service or reflected the value that the Government said it places on ADF personnel. Removing the entitlements effectively reduced the value of their total remuneration in a time of rising living costs that hit those in the lower ranks more severely than at the higher rank.

While welcoming the announcement to restore the previous conditions of service removed by the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Mr David Jamison, speaking on behalf of the ADSO Alliance, said “the Government still needed to urgently review the 1.5% per annum pay offer itself. Most ADF members understood the stated Government’s budgetary dilemma but could not accept that an effective pay cut had to be endured when even Defence engendered charges such as married quarter rents and ration charges were likely to outstrip the salary percentage increase”. David implored the Government to not increase these charges by a greater percentage than the pay rise offered.

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