DEFENCE HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACT 2008

DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 52 AND 53 OF THE *DEFENCE HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACT 2008*

I, Darren Jeffrey Chester, Assistant Minister for Defence, acting under section 80 of the *Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Act 2008* (the Act):

1. revoke the instrument of delegation made by the Minister for Defence under section 80 of the Act on 18 October 2013; and

2. delegate my powers under sections 52 and 53 of the Act to:
   (a) determine an average house price under section 52; and
   (b) make a determination under section 53 (to set a rate, formula or method for working out the median interest rate),

   to the persons from time to time holding, occupying or performing the duties of:
   (a) Secretary of the Department of Defence;
   (b) Associate Secretary;
   (c) Deputy Secretary Defence People;
   (d) First Assistant Secretary People Policy, Culture and Development; and
   (e) Assistant Secretary People Policy and Employment Conditions.

3. Direct that in the exercise of the powers and functions delegated by the instrument:
   (a) For decisions made under section 52, the delegate must take into account the data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on national average house price and regional weightings for the period up to the end of the March quarter each year.
   (b) For decisions made under section 53, the delegate must have regard to the interest rate data on owner-occupier standard variable home loans published by CANSTAR (Aust) Pty Ltd (ACN 053646165).

Dated 20/12/ 2015

Darren Jeffrey Chester
Assistant Minister for Defence