



Parliamentary Service Commissioner

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Dear Presiding Officers

I refer to your letter of 1 June 2016 regarding proposed amendments to the Parliamentary Service Determination 2013.

The rationale for the changes is to reflect amendments made to related provisions in the Australian Public Service Commissioner's Directions 2013. I agree to the proposed changes outlined in your letter.

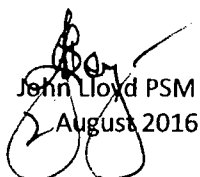
Another recent amendment to the Directions removes the requirement for the APS Commissioner to agree to the amount to be paid to an SES employee as an incentive to retire pursuant to section 37 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

I suggest that you consider changing the Parliamentary Service Determination to reflect this amendment. I would not oppose making such a change to the Determination.

The Directions change was augmented with guidance material outlining the incentive to retire policy obligations. The Parliamentary Service may wish to consider adopting a similar guidance approach.

If your staff require any further advice, they should contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

  
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