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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

To: Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (for decision and signature)

HUMANITARIAN OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL (HOSM) - DECLARATIONS OF 'BRITISH COLUMBIA' AND 'HAITI' CLASPS

Recommendations - that you:

1. Agree to recommend to the Governor-General, the declaration of two new clasps for the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal* (HOSM), for service in response to the:
 - a. wildfires in British Columbia, Canada in 2009; and
 - b. earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

☒ Agreed / ☐ Not agreed


2. Agree not to recommend the declaration of a new clasp for service in response to the earthquake in Sumatra in 2009.

☒ Agreed / ☐ Not agreed

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4. Sign the proposed declarations at Attachment B (but do not date).

☒ Signed / ☐ Not signed

Jan McLucas 

Date: 24.1.13.

Key Points:

1. On 21 December 2011, the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, agreed in principle that the 2009 Sumatra earthquake and 2010 Haiti earthquake merit recognition with the HOSM (B11/3207 refers).
2. Emergency Management Australia (EMA) has since advised that the emergency response period for Sumatra was for nine days only (between 30 September and 8 October 2009 inclusive) and EMA does not support recognition for service of nine days only.
 - a. Fourteen days is the standard qualifying period of service in response to earthquakes.
 - b. We agree with EMA that nine days service does not warrant recognition.
3. The Department has also become aware of Australians providing humanitarian service in response to wildfires in British Columbia, Canada in 2009.

- a. PM&C's assessment of the natural disaster and of the response, relative to declarations in relation to responses to similar natural disasters, is that service in response to the wildfires in British Columbia, Canada in 2009 does warrant recognition (see Background, below).

Eligible dates:

4. We settled the proposed eligible dates of service for each proposed clasp after consulting all relevant organisations about their members' dates of service and the nature of that service. We also had regard to the length of service necessary to qualify for the existing HOSM clasps for other natural disasters. Attachment D provides a list of the eligibility criteria for all HOSM clasps to date, including clasps for service in response to both hazardous circumstances (items 1-11) and other natural disasters (items 12-17).
5. We settled the proposed geographical area for each proposed clasp based on consultation with relevant government departments, organisations and general research.
6. We propose that HOSM clasps for:
 - a. 'British Columbia' is declared for a minimum of 14 days of service between the dates of 3 August 2009 and 6 September 2009.
 - b. 'Haiti' is declared for a minimum of 14 days of service between the date of the earthquake on 12 January 2010 and 15 March 2010.

Financial implications:

7. The establishment of HOSM operations has minor financial impacts for PM&C (drafting) and the Honours and Awards Secretariat at Government House (production of clasps). These expenses are absorbed within existing resources.

Background:

8. The HOSM is awarded to individuals who provide humanitarian service with eligible organisations during operations in hazardous circumstances overseas.
9. The HOSM Regulations provide for the Governor-General, on your recommendation, to declare an operation specifying details including geographical extent, dates, organisations (the members of which can be eligible for the HOSM) and certain types of restrictions on eligibility.

British Columbia wildfires 2009

10. From mid-May to late September 2009, 3049 wildfires (including 213 fires, which put communities and people at risk) burned across 240,000 hectares of land in British Columbia (138% above the average number of fires for that time of year). Approximately 20,000 people were evacuated from their homes, seven homes were lost and the direct cost of the fire was over \$400 million.

- a. We consulted the Fire and Emergency Management Division of the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment, which coordinated the Australian deployment of personnel to Canada during the wildfires.

Haiti earthquake 2010

11. On 12 January 2010, Haiti experienced a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. An estimated 3,000,000 people were affected by the quake with approximately 316,000 people deceased, 300,000 injured and 1,000,000 made homeless. Major infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, was destroyed, with over 30,000 commercial buildings severely damaged.
 - a. We consulted 31 Australian government agencies and organisations involved in relief operations, in relation to the eligibility criteria for the possible award of the HOSM (Attachment C).
 - i. The proposed declarations would allow members of these organisations who satisfy the conditions for an award to apply for an award.
 - ii. Further organisations can be declared in future if necessary.

Sumatra 2009

12. On 30 September 2009, Sumatra experienced a 7.6 magnitude earthquake. Approximately 1,100 people died with many others adversely affected; 100 buildings were destroyed, with many others damaged.

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Consultation: Relevant organisations
deploying Australians overseas; DFAT and
EMA (a division of AGD); OPC (drafting).

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment A | folio 4 |
| Attachment B | Proposed declarations (for signature but <u>do not date</u>) |
| Attachment C | List of eligible organisations |
| Attachment D | List of existing clasps to the HOSM including for natural disasters |



Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (British Columbia) Declaration 2013

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Dated 2013

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By Her Excellency's Command

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Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

Section 1

1 Name of declaration

This declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Haiti) Declaration 2013*.

2 Commencement

This declaration commences on the day it is made.

3 Definitions

In this declaration:

Regulations means the *Humanitarian Overseas Medal Regulations 2011*.

4 Declared Operation

For subregulations 3 (1) and (7) of the Regulations, the declared operation is the humanitarian aid operation arising out of the earthquake in Haiti on 12 January 2010.

5 Name of Operation

For paragraph 4 (1) (a) of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'Haiti'.

6 Operational area

For paragraph 4 (1) (b) of the Regulations, the area in which the declared operation occurred consists of Léogâne, Haiti, and its surrounding regions.

7 Period of declared operation

For paragraph 4 (1) (c) of the Regulations, the period during which the declared operation occurred is the period beginning on 12 January 2010 and ending on 15 March 2010.

8 Organisations

For subregulation 5 (1) of the Regulations, an organisation mentioned in column 2 of an item in Schedule 1 is specified in relation to eligible service carried out by the organisation during the period mentioned in column 3 of the item.

9 Qualifying period of service

- (1) For paragraph 5 (5) (b) of the Regulations, the qualifying period of service is any 14 day period during the period beginning on 12 January 2010 and ending on 15 March 2010.

Section 9

- (2) For paragraph 5 (5) (c) of the Regulations, periods of qualifying service may be aggregated from several periods of service in one or more organisations.
- (3) For paragraph 5 (5) (d) of the Regulations, inspection visits may be counted as humanitarian service.

Schedule 1 Eligible organisations—Haiti

(section 8)

Item	Organisation	Period
1	Australian Defence Force	12 February 2010 to 15 March 2010
2	Australian Red Cross	18 January 2010 to 15 March 2010
3	CARE Australia	17 January 2010 to 15 March 2010
4	Save the Children Australia	12 January 2010 to 15 March 2010
5	World Vision Australia	17 January 2010 to 15 March 2010



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For subregulations 3 (1) and (7) of the Regulations, the declared operation is the humanitarian aid operation arising out of the wildfires in British Columbia that commenced in May 2009.

5 Name of Operation

For paragraph 4 (1) (a) of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'British Columbia'.

6 Operational area

For paragraph 4 (1) (b) of the Regulations, the area in which the declared operation occurred consists of Kamloops, British Columbia, and its surrounding regions.

7 Period of declared operation

For paragraph 4 (1) (c) of the Regulations, the period during which the declared operation occurred is the period beginning on 3 August 2009 and ending on 6 September 2009.

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Schedule 1 Eligible organisations—British Columbia

(section 8)

Item	Organisation	Period
1	<p>The following organisations, under the auspices of the Department of Sustainability and Environment of Victoria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Department of Sustainability and Environment; (b) New South Wales Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water; (c) Parks Victoria; (d) Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation; (e) South Australian Department of Environment and Heritage; (f) Parks, Conservation and Lands, ACT Territory and Municipal Services (now known as Parks and City Services) 	3 August 2009 to 6 September 2009

Attachment C- List of eligible organisations

	Organisation name	Eligible for Haiti
1.	Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)	No
2.	Australian Federal Police	No
3.	Australian Red Cross	Yes
4.	Australian contingent to World Vision	Yes
5.	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	No
6.	NSW Government Health	No
7.	Emergency Management Australia	No
8.	Queensland Government Health	No
9.	South Australia Department of Health	No
10.	Department of Health, Victoria	No
11.	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	No
12.	NSW Fire and Rescue Service	No
13.	Department of Defence	Yes
14.	CARE Australia	Yes
15.	Save the Children	Yes
16.	SurfAid	No
17.	Oxfam	No
18.	Plan	No
19.	Caritas	No
20.	Ambulance Service of NSW	No
21.	Department of Health, Western Australia	No
22.	Queensland Ambulance Service	No
23.	Ambulance Victoria	No
24.	NSW Police Force	No
25.	Queensland Police Force	No
26.	Victoria Police Force	No

27.	South Australia Police Force	No
28.	Tasmania Police Force	No
29.	Western Australia Police Force	No
30.	Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency	No
31.	Department of Health, Northern Territory	No

SUMMARY OF HOSM CLASPS (*The qualifying period of service for each declaration is 30 days unless otherwise specified)

Bold italics and yellow highlighting is used for proposed amendments to existing declarations (refer to B12/1355)

	Clasp	Declaration	Geographical extent of hazardous area	Date of operation	Specified organisations
1	Afghanistan (16/4/06)	The ongoing humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil unrest in Afghanistan following the invasion by the former Soviet Union on 8 December 1979	Afghanistan and areas in adjoining countries	8/12/79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Red Cross • International Committee of the Red Cross • Australian contingents to UN organisations • World Vision
2	the Balkans (8/10/99, amended 24/5/01, 5/12/02, 29/3/06)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia and the crisis in, and in relation to, Serbia (including Kosovo)	<i>Zone 1</i> – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia <i>Zone 2</i> – Serbia (including Kosovo) and areas in the Republic of Albania and the Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia	<i>Zone 1</i> – 21/292 <i>Zone 2</i> – 24/3/99	<i>Zone 1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian contingent to International Committee of the Red Cross • Australian contingent to UN organisations • Australian Red Cross • CARE Australia • World Vision Australia <i>Zone 2</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian contingent to UN organisations • CARE Australia • World Vision Australia

	Clasp	Declaration	Geographical extent of hazardous area	Date of operation	Specified organisations
3	Cambodia (7/7/99, amended 5/12/02)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the conflict in Cambodia from 1979 until 1991	Cambodia and areas in adjoining countries	1/7/79 to 31/12/93 inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross • Australian contingent to UN organisations • Australian Lutheran World Service • Australian Red Cross • CARE Australia • Overseas Service Bureau • Save the Children Fund Australia • World Vision Australia
4	East Timor (14/6/00, amended 18/10/00, 24/5/01, 18/12/01, 29/3/06)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil unrest in East Timor during the UN Popular Consultation Process on autonomy for East Timor and the UNAMET, INTERFET and UNTAET operations	East Timor, including the Oecussi Ambeno enclave and the Island of Atauro, and West Timor	1/6/99 to 19/5/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian civilian contingents to UN organisations • Australian contingent to East Timor Ambulance Service • Australian contingent to International Medical Corps • Australian contingent to International Red Cross • Australian contingent to the Jesuit Refugee Service • Australian Red Cross • CARE Australia • Caritas Australia • Community Aid Abroad – Oxfam Australia contingent to Oxfam International • Timor Aid Inc • World Vision Australia

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5	Great Lakes (Africa) (7/7/99, amended 24/5/01, 5/12/02)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil war in Rwanda during 1994	Rwanda and areas in adjoining countries	1/5/94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adventist Development and Relief Agency • Australian contingent to International Committee of the Red Cross • Australian contingent to International Federation of the Red Cross • Australian contingent to UN organisations • Australian Lutheran World Service • Australian Red Cross • CARE Australia • Church Missionary Society Australia Inc • World Vision Australia
6	Iraq (21/4/04)	The humanitarian operation that commenced on 20 March 2003 arising out of the civil unrest in Iraq following the commencement on 20 March 2003 of operation Iraqi Freedom carried out in Iraq by the United States led coalition forces from that date	Iraq and areas in adjoining countries	20/3/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Red Cross • CARE Australia • World Vision Australia • Australian contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross • Australian contingent to UN organisations • Australian contingent to the rehabilitation program in Iraq carried out by the Coalition Provisional Authority

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7	Mozambique (8/6/01, amended 5/12/02)	The humanitarian operation resulting from the civil war in Mozambique during the period 1 January 1985 to 31 January 1995	Mozambique and areas in adjoining countries	1/1/85 to 31/1/95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE Australia • Lutheran World Service • OSB (now Australian Volunteers International) • World Vision Australia
8	Northern Iraq (29/6/01)	The humanitarian operation known as the International Kurdish Relief Operation carried out in northern Iraq and southern Turkey during the period 1 February 1991 to 31 May 1995 inclusive	Northern Iraq and areas in adjoining countries	1/2/91 to 31/5/95 inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian civilian contingents to UN organisations • CARE Australia • Australian Red Cross
9	Somalia (7/7/99)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil war in Somalia in 1992	Somalia	1/3/92 to 1/1/96 inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adventist Development and Relief Agency • Australian contingent to UN organisations • Australian Red Cross • CARE Australia • UNICEF • World Vision Australia
10	South Sudan (22/3/00, amended 24/5/01, 5/12/02)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil war in southern Sudan	South Sudan and areas in adjoining countries	23/5/92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian civilian contingent to UN organisations • Australian Red Cross • CARE Australia • TEAR Australia • World Vision Australia

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11	South Vietnam (7/7/99)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the war in South Vietnam from 29 May 1964 to 30 April 1975	South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam), south of latitude 178 degrees North	29/5/64 to 30/4/75 inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Concern Australia • The organisation comprising Australian volunteers who worked at the Holy Family Hospital in Qui Nhon, South Vietnam • World Vision Australia
12	the Indian Ocean (30/5/05, amended 19/10/05, 6/10/06, 27/3/07, 9/12/09)	<p>Operations that occurred as part of the emergency relief efforts following the tsunami that struck countries bordering the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004 and the related earthquake that struck Nias Island in Indonesia on 30 March 2005</p> <p>(At least 7 days service between 26/12/04 and 8/1/05; at least 14 days service between 26/12/04 and 12/2/05; at least 7 days immediately after the Nias Island earthquake on 30/3/05)</p>	Sumatra, Indonesia; Phuket, Thailand; Sri Lanka; the Maldives; Nias Island, Indonesia	26/12/04 to 12/2/05 or the period immediately following 30/3/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia • Australia Sri Lanka Medical Aid Team • AusAID • Various state emergency response teams • ADF • AFP and state and territory police forces • Australian Red Cross • Australian Volunteers International Maldives Short Term Teacher Project • CARE Australia • Caritas Australia • DFAT • EMA • Australian contingents to the humanitarian relief operation of GE Infrastructure, Water & Process Technologies; Oxfam Great Britain, Surfaid International; and UN organisations • World Vision Australia • Youth Off the Streets

	Clasp	Declaration	Geographical extent of hazardous area	Date of operation	Specified organisations
13	Pakistan (22 May 2008, amended 15 December 2009)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the earthquake in Pakistan on 8 October 2005 (At least 14 days service between 8/10/05 and 8/11/05; at least 30 days service between 8/10/05 and 31/5/06)	Various administrative districts of Pakistan administered Kashmir. Various administrative districts of North West Frontier Province.	8/10/05 to 31/5/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AusAID • Australian Aid International • ADF • Australian contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross • Australian contingent to the International Federation of the Red Cross • Australian contingent to Oxfam Great Britain • Australian contingent to UN organisations • Australian contingent to World Vision International
14	Samoa (30 April 2012)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the earthquake in Samoa on 29 September 2009 (At least 7 days service between 29 September 2009 and 15 October 2009)	Administrative district of Apia and surrounding regions	29/09/09 to 15/10/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency for International Development (AusAID) • Australian Federal Police • Australian Red Cross • Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade • Department of Health, Victoria • Emergency Management Australia • NSW Department of Health • NSW Fire and Rescue Service • Queensland Fire and Rescue Service • World Vision Australia
15	Pakistan II (30 April 2012)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the floods in Pakistan on 6 August 2010.	(a) the following administrative districts of Pakistan:	6/8/10 to 8/11/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency for International Development (AusAID) • Ambulance Victoria (<i>proposed</i>) • Australian Defence Force • Australian Red Cross

		(At least 14 days service between 6 August 2010 and 8 November 2010)	i. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; ii. Sindh; iii. Punjab; iv. Balochistan; and (b) the regions surrounding the administrative districts mentioned in paragraph (a).		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE Australia • Department of Health, Northern Territory • Department of Health, South Australia • Department of Health, Victoria • Department of Health, Western Australia • Emergency Management Australia • Queensland Ambulance Service • Queensland Health • World Vision Australia
16	Christchurch (30 April 2012)	The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand on 22 February 2011. (At least 14 days service between 22 February 2011 and 14 April 2011).	Christchurch and its surrounding regions.	22/2/11 to 14/4/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance Service of NSW • Ambulance Victoria • Ambulance ACT • ACT Fire Brigade • Australian Federal Police • Australian Red Cross • Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade • Emergency Management Australia • Victorian Metropolitan Fire and Rescue • NSW Fire and Rescue Service • Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services • NSW Department of Health • NSW Police Force • Queensland Ambulance Service • Queensland Fire and Rescue Service • Queensland Police Service

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland Health • Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia • South Australia Police • South Australia Ambulance • South Australia Metropolitan Fire Service • Tasmania Police • Tasmanian Ambulance • Tasmania Fire Service • Victoria Police • Victorian SES • Western Australia Police • World Vision Australia
17	Japan (30 April 2012)	<p>The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan on 11 March 2011.</p> <p>(At least 7 days service between 11 March 2011 and 28 March 2011)</p>	Administrative district of the Pacific coast of Tohoku and its surrounding regions.	11/3/11 to 28/3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Red Cross • Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade • Australian Defence Force • Department of Health, Western Australia • Emergency Management Australia • Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet • Ambulance Service of NSW • NSW Department of Public Works and Engineering • NSW Fire and Rescue • NSW Police • NSW Health • Queensland Fire and Rescue Service • ACT Fire Brigade