COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Freedom of Information Act 1982

APPROVAL OF ARRANGEMENTS

I, PETER ROGER SHERGOLD, Secretary to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, being the principal officer of the Department, under subsection 23(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the Act), approve the following arrangements.

Each officer holding, or for the time being performing the duties of, a position specified below is authorised to make decisions under the Act in respect of a request made to the Department.

 All positions classified as positions in the Senior Executive Service located in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Before a decision is made by an officer holding, or performing the duties of, a position at the Senior Executive Service Band 1 level, that officer must obtain his or her supervisor's agreement that that officer is the appropriate decision-maker in respect of the request.

Where an applicant requests an internal review of a decision, the review decision is to be made by a more senior officer than the officer who made the decision under review.

Dated this 24th day of May 2004

(Dr Peter Shergold)