Instrument No.78 of 1994

## Statement of Principles

## concerning

## **HODGKIN'S DISEASE**

ICD CODE: 201

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(3)

- 1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **Hodgkin's disease and death from Hodgkin's disease** can be related to eligible war service rendered by veterans and defence service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **Hodgkin's disease or death from Hodgkin's disease** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) being infected with HIV before the clinical onset of Hodgkin's disease; or
  - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for Hodgkin's disease.
- Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs
  1(a) to (b) must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:

- (a) the person's **Hodgkin's disease** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
- (b) the relationship suggested between the **Hodgkin's disease** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

**"being infected with HIV"** means serological evidence of infection with human Immunodeficiency Virus, attracting an ICD code in the range 42 to 44;

**"Hodgkin's disease"** means a neoplastic disease of the human lymphoid tissues, characterised by the histological presence of Reed-Sternberg cells and symptoms such as fever, night sweats and weight loss, and attracting ICD code 201;

**"ICD code"** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

"**Reed-Sternberg**" means a cell with two or more nuclei with prominent nucleoli with perinucleolar halos.

Dated this	day of	1994
The Common Seal of the	)	
Repatriation Medical Authority	)	
was affixed to this instrument	)	
in the presence of:	)	

## KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN