The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act), Instrument No.326 of 1995 (Statement of Principles concerning cerebrovascular accident) by:

1. inserting immediately after paragraph (a) of clause 1, the following:

“(aa) suffering from an acute stress, causing a temporary aggravation of established hypertension, and within 14 days, experiencing the clinical onset of cerebrovascular accident; or”;

2. omitting the definition of “anticoagulant therapy” in paragraph 4 and inserting the following definition in its place:

“anticoagulant therapy’ means therapeutic administration of any substance that prevents blood clotting, including a substance administered for prophylaxis or treatment of thromboembolic disorders, including heparin, warfarin, Dicumarol and congeners;”;

3. inserting after the definition of “diabetes mellitus” in paragraph 4 the following definition:

“DSM-IV ‘ means the fourth edition of the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;”;
4. omitting the words “(b) essential thromocythaemia, attracting ICD code 238.7;” from the definition of “specified list of haematological disorders” in paragraph 4 and inserting the following in its place:

“(b) essential thrombocythaemia, attracting ICD code 238.7;”;

5. inserting after the definition of “specified list of haematological disorders” in paragraph 4 the following definition:

“suffering from an acute stress’ means the following (derived from DSM-IV):

(a) the person experienced, witnessed, or was confronted with an event that involved actual or threatened death or serious injury, or a threat to the person’s, or other people’s, physical integrity; and

(b) the person’s response to that event involved intense fear, helplessness or horror.”.

The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.326 of 1995 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this day of 1995

The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed to this instrument in the presence of

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN