



## **Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Investment) Authorisation 2014**

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I, Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance, make the following authorisation.

Dated 30 June 2014

Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance

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## **Part 1—Preliminary**

### **1 Name of authorisation**

This authorisation is the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Investment) Authorisation 2014*.

### **2 Commencement**

This authorisation commences on the later of:

- (a) the day after it is registered; and
- (b) the day Schedule 1 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment Act 2014* commences.

However, this authorisation does not commence at all if the event mentioned in paragraph (b) does not occur.

### **3 Authority**

This authorisation is made under subparagraph 59(1)(b)(iii) of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

### **4 Definitions**

In this authorisation:

***approved bank*** means a person that carries on the business of banking in Australia:

- (a) the operations of which are subject to prudential supervision or regulation under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory; and
- (b) the business of which has a Standard and Poor's long-term rating of:
  - (i) for a Part other than Part 4—A- (or the Moody's or Fitch's equivalent) or better; and
  - (ii) for Part 4—BBB- (or the Moody's or Fitch's equivalent) or better.

***approved entity*** means an entity that operates inside or outside Australia and has a Standard and Poor's long-term rating of AA- (or the Moody's or Fitch's equivalent) or better.

***dematerialised security*** means a dematerialised security that is deposited in the Austraclear System.

Note: Information about the Austraclear System could in 2014 be viewed on the Australian Securities Exchange's website (<http://www.asx.com.au>).

***securities***:

- (a) means debentures, bonds, promissory notes, commercial paper, bills of exchange, certificates of deposit and fixed and floating rate notes issued under a senior debt program, and their dematerialised security equivalents; but

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- (b) does not include any instrument or document that is in the nature of equity, subordinate debt or hybrid equity.

***senior debt program*** means a program under which debt:

- (a) is issued and ranked ahead of other debt; and
- (b) has priority if debt has to be redeemed in cases of liquidation.

## **Part 2—The Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

### **5 Authorisation for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

- (1) The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Corporation is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Corporation may invest in one or more of the following:
  - (a) bills of exchange accepted or endorsed only by an approved bank;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the bills of exchange covered by paragraph (a);
  - (c) certificates of deposit with an approved bank;
  - (d) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the certificates of deposit covered by paragraph (c).
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of the Corporation; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.

## Part 3—The Export Finance and Insurance Corporation

### 6 Authorisation for the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation

- (1) The Export Finance and Insurance Corporation is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Corporation is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Corporation may invest money in one or more of the following ways:
  - (a) in securities issued by an approved bank;
  - (b) on deposit with, or in securities issued or guaranteed by, an approved entity.
- (3) Investments must be in the name of the Corporation.
- (4) Subsections (5) to (7) apply if an investment:
  - (a) is covered by paragraph (2)(a) (securities issued by an approved bank); and
  - (b) has a Standard and Poor's long-term rating lower than A-(or the Moody's or Fitch's equivalent).
- (5) The investment, together with any other such investments of the Corporation in the approved bank, must not exceed 10% of the total investments of the Corporation.
- (6) The investment, together with any other such investments of the Corporation in any approved bank, must not exceed 25% of the total investments of the Corporation.
- (7) The investment:
  - (a) must not have a term longer than 3 years; and
  - (b) if the investment has a term longer than 6 months—must be able to be traded in the secondary market.



## **Part 4—The Grains Research and Development Corporation**

### **7 Authorisation for the Grains Research and Development Corporation**

- (1) The Grains Research and Development Corporation is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Corporation is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Corporation may invest in one or more of the following:
  - (a) bills of exchange accepted or endorsed only by an approved bank;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the bills of exchange covered by paragraph (a);
  - (c) certificates of deposit with an approved bank;
  - (d) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the certificates of deposit covered by paragraph (c);
  - (e) floating rate notes issued by an approved bank under a senior debt program;
  - (f) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the floating rate notes covered by paragraph (e);
  - (g) 11 am call deposits with an approved bank.
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of the Corporation; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.
- (4) If an investment is covered by paragraph (2)(e) or (f), the investment, together with any other investments of the Corporation covered by either of those paragraphs, must not exceed 20% of the total investments of the Corporation.

## **Part 5—The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation**

### **8 Authorisation for the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation**

- (1) The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Corporation is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Corporation may invest in one or more of the following:
  - (a) bills of exchange accepted or endorsed only by an approved bank;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the bills of exchange covered by paragraph (a).
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of the Corporation; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.

## **Part 6—The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation**

### **9 Authorisation for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation**

- (1) The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Organisation is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Organisation may invest in one or more of the following:
  - (a) bills of exchange accepted or endorsed only by an approved bank;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the bills of exchange covered by paragraph (a);
  - (c) certificates of deposit with an approved bank;
  - (d) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the certificates of deposit covered by paragraph (c).
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of the Organisation; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.

## **Part 7—The Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

### **10 Authorisation for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

- (1) The Civil Aviation Safety Authority is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Authority is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Authority may invest in one or more of the following:
  - (a) bills of exchange accepted or endorsed only by an approved bank;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the bills of exchange covered by paragraph (a);
  - (c) certificates of deposit with an approved bank;
  - (d) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the certificates of deposit covered by paragraph (c).
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of the Authority; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.

## **Part 8—Australian Hearing Services**

### **11 Authorisation for Australian Hearing Services**

- (1) Australian Hearing Services is authorised to invest relevant money for which Australian Hearing Services is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) Australian Hearing Services may invest in one or more of the following:
  - (a) bills of exchange accepted or endorsed only by an approved bank;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the bills of exchange covered by paragraph (a).
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of Australian Hearing Services; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.

## **Part 9—The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation**

### **12 Authorisation for the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation**

- (1) The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Organisation is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Organisation may invest in one or more of the following:
  - (a) bills of exchange accepted or endorsed only by an approved bank;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the bills of exchange covered by paragraph (a);
  - (c) certificates of deposit with an approved bank;
  - (d) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the certificates of deposit covered by paragraph (c).
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of the Organisation; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.

## **Part 10—Airservices Australia**

### **13 Authorisation for Airservices Australia**

- (1) Airservices Australia is authorised to invest relevant money for which the Authority is responsible in accordance with this section.
- (2) Airservices Australia may invest up to \$20 million in one or more of the following:
  - (a) floating rate notes issued by an approved bank under a senior debt program;
  - (b) dematerialised securities that are the equivalent of the floating rate notes covered by paragraph (a).
- (3) Investments must be:
  - (a) in the name of Airservices Australia; and
  - (b) denominated in Australian currency.