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Police Administration Amendment (Service Medal) Bill 2009
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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act*

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (SERVICE MEDAL) ACT 2009

Act No. [] of 2009

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Act No. [] of 2009

An Act to amend the *Police Administration Act*

[Assented to [] 2009]
[Second reading [] 2009]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Police Administration Amendment (Service Medal) Act 2009*.

2 Act amended

This Act amends the *Police Administration Act*.

3 Repeal and substitution of section 166A

Section 166A

repeal, substitute

166A Service Medal

- (1) The Administrator may award a medal, to be known as the Police Service Medal, to a member who, subject to this section, has completed 10 years continuous meritorious service as a member.
- (2) A member is taken to have completed 10 years continuous service whether or not the member was seconded to a prescribed entity for all or part of the 10 years of continuous service.

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- (3) A member has not completed 10 years continuous service as a member if, during that 10 year period, the member was granted a period of unpaid leave by the Commissioner, except for secondment to a prescribed entity.
 - (4) However, if a member was granted unpaid leave (other than for secondment to a prescribed entity) but completes 2 or more periods of service totalling 10 years, the member is taken to have completed 10 years continuous service.
 - (5) Also, the Commissioner may determine that periods of service totalling 10 years may be counted as continuous in relation to a member if, during the period that included the 10 years, all of the following happened:
 - (a) the member resigned under section 20;
 - (b) within 2 years after the date of resignation – the member applied for re-appointment as a member;
 - (c) the member was subsequently re-appointed as a member.
 - (6) The Police Service Medal must be in a form, and with attachments, as the Administrator thinks fit.
 - (7) In this section:

prescribed entity means any of the following:

- (a) a police force established by an Act of the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory;
- (b) the Northern Territory Police Association Incorporated;
- (c) the Australian Crime Commission established under the *Australian Crime Commission Establishment Act 2002* (Clth) or any of its predecessors, including, for example, the National Crime Commission;
- (d) another entity prescribed by regulation.

4 New Part XI

After section 168

insert

**Part XI Transitional matters for the Police Administration
Amendment (Service Medal) Act 2009**

169 Application of section 166A to matters before commencement

For determining 10 years continuous service under section 166A in relation to a member, any of the following that happened before the commencement of this section may be taken into account:

- (a) the appointment of, and service by, the member;
- (b) after the member's appointment – the member's secondment to a prescribed entity within the meaning of section 166A;
- (c) any of the following:
 - (i) the member's resignation;
 - (ii) the member's resignation and application for re-appointment;
 - (ii) the member's resignation, application for re-appointment and subsequent re-appointment;
- (d) any period of unpaid leave taken by the member.