

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Determination Number 2 of 1998

Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973

1. The Remuneration Tribunal is empowered to inquire into and determine the travelling allowances payable within Australia and conditions of payment to members of the Parliament and Ministers of State as defined in the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.
2. This Determination amends the Tribunal's existing determination which provides for travelling allowances for members of the Parliament and Ministers of State.
3. Clause 1 of the existing Determination is amended to insert a new paragraph stating that there may be no double claiming for an overnight stay or stays under the provisions of the Determination and for the same overnight stay or stays under any other source of entitlement.
4. Clause 1 and Clause 3 of the existing Determination is amended to clarify the entitlement to travelling allowance for attendance at meetings, outside of Canberra, of a parliamentary political party, or of its executive, or of its committees, and the national conference of a political party, and to adjust the maximum number of overnight stays from seven to 10 days per annum.
5. The retrospective application of this Determination does not affect the rights of a person (other than the Commonwealth) in a manner prejudicial to that person, nor does it impose any liability on such a person.

Authority: Sub-section 7(1) and
7(2) of the *Remuneration
Tribunal Act 1973*.