

REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Determination Number 16 of 1998

MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT – ENTITLEMENTS

Pursuant to sub-sections 7(1) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, the Remuneration Tribunal, having inquired into the allowances to be paid out of the public moneys of the Commonwealth to members of the Parliament by reason of their membership of the Parliament or by reason of their holding particular offices, or performing particular functions, in, or in relation to, the Parliament or either House of the Parliament, has inquired into certain entitlements, being matters significantly related thereto, and, notwithstanding Clause 2 of Schedule 3 of the *Remuneration and Allowances Act 1990*, determines as set out hereunder:

1. Determination Number 1 of 1998 is referred to as the Principal Determination.
2. The Principal Determination is amended by deleting clause 2.20 and 2.20A and inserting the following clauses:
 - “2.20 Subject to clauses 2.20B and 2.22, each dependent child of a senator or member shall be entitled to travel on scheduled commercial transport at government expense on a maximum of three return visits to Canberra per annum at economy class, or at the same class of travel as the parent if under the age of 12 and travelling with the parent. Such travel may be commenced and/or terminated at the nearest terminal to a child’s school rather than the nearest terminal to a child’s home if the cost is no more than the cost of travel between the home and Canberra.
 - 2.20A Subject to Clause 2.16 and 2.21, the cost of travel entitlements to Canberra in respect of a spouse or a nominee and a dependent child or dependent children may be ‘pooled’ and used at the discretion of a senator or member for trips to Canberra for either a spouse or a nominee or a dependent child.

2.20B Where the Minister for Defence has already approved the use of special purpose aircraft for a particular journey under *the Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*, the dependent child of a senator or member may travel on that special purpose aircraft on a journey that he or she would otherwise be entitled to make in accordance with clause 2.20 or 2.20A subject to that journey counting as a journey for the purposes of calculating the dependent child's remaining entitlement under clause 2.20 or 2.20A."

3. The Principal Determination is amended by deleting clause 2.13A and replacing it with the following clause:

"2.13A Where the Minister for Defence has already approved the use of a special purpose aircraft for a particular journey under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*, the spouse or nominee of a senator or member may travel on a journey that he or she would otherwise be entitled to make in accordance with clause 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.14 or 2.20A subject to that journey counting as a journey for the purposes of calculating the spouse's or nominee's entitlement under clause 2.10, 2.12, 2.14 or 2.20A."

4. Clause 2.21 of the Principal Determination is amended by deleting the phrase "Except as provided by clause 2.20A" and substituting it with "Except as provided by clause 2.20B".

5. The Principal Determination is amended by deleting clauses 10.6 to 10.14 and inserting the following clauses:

"Postage

10.6 A senator or member shall be entitled to the cost of postage in relation to parliamentary or electorate business, but excluding party business, and up to a maximum cost of \$22,000 per financial year.

10.7 Any part of the entitlement specified in clause 10.6 that is not utilised may be carried over to the next financial year and utilised for the purposes described in clause 10.10.

10.8 Clause 10.6 ceases to operate at the last moment on 30 June 1998.

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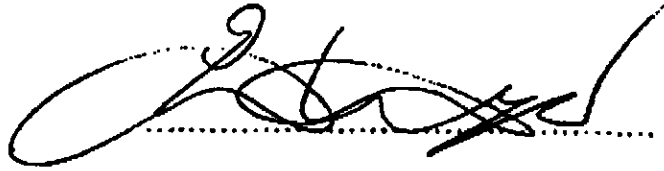
10.9 A senator or member shall be entitled to use the following commercial services for the distribution of letters, newsletters, parcels and other communications:

- (a) mail distribution services
- (b) courier services and
- (c) other delivery services.

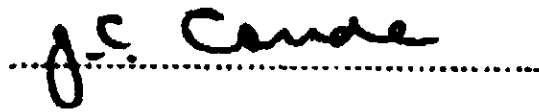
- 10.10 A senator or member shall be entitled to use the services in clause 10.9 in relation to parliamentary or electorate business, but excluding party business, and up to a maximum cost of \$22,000 per financial year.
- 10.11 Subject to clause 10.12 and 10.13, any part of the entitlement specified in clause 10.10 that is not utilised in a financial year, may be carried over to the next financial year.
- 10.12 The maximum amount of unutilised entitlement which has been provided under clause 10.6 and has, or will be, provided under clause 10.10, that can be carried over from one financial year to the next financial year shall be \$22,000.
- 10.13 On the last day of business before the polling day of a double dissolution or general election, the unutilised entitlements under clause 10.10, including entitlements carried over under clause 10.7 and 10.11, of a senator or member, other than a senator who is not seeking re-election, shall be returned to the Commonwealth or shall cease to be available.
- 10.14 In respect of a financial year in which an election is held, a re-elected senator or member or a non re-elected senator in a half Senate election, shall be entitled to the part of the entitlement specified in clause 10.10 which has not been utilised in that financial year.
- 10.15 The entitlement in clause 10.10 is in addition to the entitlement of a member in item 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*.
- 10.16 To avoid doubt, and pursuant to Section 9 of the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*, item 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990* is omitted from the schedule to that Act.
- 10.17 Clauses 10.9 to 10.16 commence operation from the first moment on 1 July 1998.”

Dated this 26th day of June one thousand nine hundred and ninety eight.

Richard G Humphry AO
President

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John C Conde AO
Member

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Trevor Kennedy AM
Member

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