

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **Determination Number 25 of 1998**

#### **Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973**

1. The Remuneration Tribunal is empowered to inquire into and determine allowances to be paid out of public moneys of the Commonwealth to members of the Parliament and to inquire into and determine matters significantly related thereto.
2. Determination Number 20 of 1998 (the Principal Determination) provides for reimbursement and direct payment of expenditure incurred by a member of the House of Representatives (a member) in his or her electorate during the period 1 June to 18 December 1998 as a direct result of the member's involvement in the Federation Community Projects Program (the program). The program is administered by the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation.
3. Clause 1 of the Principal Determination provides the maximum amount of reimbursement for the purposes of the program and is amended by Clause 2(a) and (b) of this Determination to:
  - (a) enable a member of a new electorate to qualify for reimbursement;  
and
  - (b) extend the period during which expenditure may be incurred, from 18 December 1998 until 26 February 1999.
4. Clause 8 of the Principal Determination specifies the date by which claims must be received by the Department and is amended by Clause 2(c) of this Determination to extend the period to 12 March 1999.
5. Clauses 2(d) and (e) of this Determination amend references to the Department of Communications and the Arts to reflect new administrative arrangements.
6. The retrospective application of this Determination does not effect 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-sections 7(1) and 7(4)  
of the *Remuneration  
Tribunal Act 1973*