

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### Determination Number 9 of 1999

#### Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973

1. The Remuneration Tribunal is empowered to inquire into and determine the rate of remuneration and significantly related matters for holders of public office as defined in the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.
2. This Determination sets the rates of salary and allowances to be paid to holders of public office and Secretaries of Departments, as follows:

#### Part 1 – Full-time Holders of Public Office

3. The Principal Determination is amended in relation to the following offices:
  - (a) Chairperson, Commonwealth Grants Commission to insert a new full-time office;
  - (b) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner for a new appointment;
  - (c) Director, National Museum of Australia following a review;
  - (d) Australian Electoral Commissioner to reflect salary maintenance arrangements for Mr W. Gray;
  - (e) Senior Member, Migration Review Tribunal to correct an error in annual rate of salary;
  - (f) Deputy Chairperson, ATSI Board of Commissioners, Commissioner, ATSI Board of Commissioners, Chairperson, Administrator and General Manager, Torres Strait Regional Authority, and Regional Council Administrator, ATSI to correct omissions in relation to travelling allowance;
  - (g) Chief Executive Officer, National Occupational Health and Safety Commission to remove an obsolete date of effect; and
  - (h) Member, Australian Communications Authority, Principal Parliamentary Reporter and Secretary to Joint House to vary travelling allowance following a review.
4. Part 5.2 of the Principal Determination is amended to correct an error in the salary ranges.

#### Part 2 – Part-time Holders of Public Office

5. The Principal Determination is amended in relation to the following offices:
  - (a) Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Member, Australian Sports Foundation, and Chairperson, National Health Information Management Advisory Council to insert new offices;

- (b) Member, Australian Defence Industries to correct an error in rate per annum of fee;
  - (c) Member, Australian Industry Development Corporation to remove an obsolete footnote;
  - (d) Officers Not Specified to include a new category of daily fees, following a review; and
  - (e) Chairperson and Member Wheat Export Authority to insert new offices.
6. The Principal Determination is varied to replace all references to the “Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1990” with “Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989”.

Part 3 – Secretaries of Departments and Specified Statutory Officers

7. The Principal Determination is amended in relation to the following:
- (a) definitions of Base Salary, Superannuation Support and Total Remuneration to ensure application of these provisions is extended to Specified Statutory Officers;
  - (b) superannuation arrangements to correct an omission in relation to the Defence Force superannuation schemes; and
  - (c) payment in lieu of performance pay to clarify the Tribunal’s intention that it be paid as an annualised lump sum.
8. 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-sections 7(3), 7(4),  
8(2)(b) and 8(3) of the *Remuneration  
Tribunal Act 1973*