



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Determination 2000/11:

Parliamentary allowances for expenses of office

This Determination governs allowances for expenses of office for parliamentarians. It comprises:

- (a) Part A – General;
- (b) Part B – Travelling allowance and related matters; and
- (c) Part C – Allowances for other expenses of office and related matters.

PART A – GENERAL

- A1 This Determination is issued pursuant to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, sections 7(1) and 7(4).
- A2 This Determination amends determinations 1998/8 and 1998/26 as specified, with effect on and from 1 October 2000 except where specified otherwise.
- A3 Procedural rules to give full effect to all entitlements set out in this determination shall be such as may be made from time to time by the Special Minister of State.
- A4 Unless the contrary intention appears, annual entitlements provided under determination 1998/26 that are varied by this Determination will be provided within a financial year on a pro rata basis calculated by the formula set out in section 6 of the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*.

PART B – TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE AND RELATED MATTERS

- B1 In this Part, Determination 1998/08, as amended, is referred to as the Principal Determination.
- B2 Part 2 of the Principal Determination is amended by deleting Clause 13 and inserting the following:
 - 13. In addition to the entitlement in clause 10, a senator or member who:
 - (a) travels in his or her electorate on parliamentary or electorate business, and
 - (b) stops overnight at least 100kms from his or her home base, and
 - (c) makes a claim identifying the places and nights of absence,may be paid travelling allowance at the “other than capital city” rate for a senator or member for each overnight stay, subject to the limits in the following table:

effective on and from 1 July 2000

Chamber	State or Territory / Electorate	Overnight stays a year
Senators	Except from the Northern Territory	6
	from the Northern Territory ^a	66
Members	Electorate of less than 20,000 km ²	12
	Electorate of 20,000 to 99,999 km ²	20
	Electorate of 100,000 to 499,999 km ²	30
	Electorate of 500,000 to 999,999 km ²	45
	Electorate of the Northern Territory	66
	Electorate of Kalgoorlie	75

a. Subject to review if the total representation from the Northern Territory exceeds three.

PART C – ALLOWANCES FOR OTHER EXPENSES OF OFFICE AND RELATED MATTERS

- C1 In this Part, Determination 1998/26, as amended, is referred to as the Principal Determination.
- C2 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting Clause 3.14 and inserting the following:
- 3.14 Dependent children and designated persons may use taxis or hire cars to and from any station or terminal for the purposes of travel at Commonwealth expense under Clauses 2.18 and 2.19 provided that if the dependent child or designated person is under the age of 16 they must be accompanied by a person over the age of 18.

PROVISION OF VEHICLE

- C3 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting Clause 5.1 and Clause 5.2 and inserting the following:
- 5.1 (a) A senator shall, at his or her request, be provided with an Australian made, private plated standard vehicle, as advised by the Special Minister of State.
- (b) A member representing an electorate of less than 300,000 km² shall, at his or her request, be provided with an Australian made, private plated standard vehicle, as advised by the Special Minister of State.
- (c) A member representing an electorate of 300,000 km² or more shall, at his or her request, be provided with a private plated standard vehicle, as advised by the Special Minister of State, or a four wheel drive motor vehicle.
- 5.2 A senator or member, at his or her request, may be provided with a private plated non-standard vehicle (such as a four wheel drive vehicle) instead of a standard vehicle under subclauses 5.1(a) and 5.1(b).

CHARTER AIRCRAFT/DRIVE YOURSELF VEHICLES

- C4 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting Clause 6.2 and inserting the following:

6.2 Subject to clause 6.3,

- (i) a senator to whom one of the following criteria applies shall be entitled, at Commonwealth expense, to use charter transport within and for the service of his or her State or Territory to the limits specified; or
- (ii) a member of an electorate to whom one of the following criteria applies shall be entitled, at Commonwealth expense, to use charter transport within and for the service of his or her electorate to the limits specified;

effective on and from 1 July 2000

Chamber	State or Territory / Electorate	Maximum Annual Reimbursement
Senators	Northern Territory ^a	\$54,250
	Queensland or Western Australia	\$21,850
	New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia or Tasmania	\$12,250
Members	300,000 km ² or more	\$72,250
	125,000 to 299,999 km ²	\$34,650
	100,000 to 124,999 km ²	\$29,550
	25,000 to 99,999 km ²	\$19,200
	10,000 to 24,999 km ²	\$9,450

a. Subject to review if the total representation from the Northern Territory exceeds three.

C5 The Principal determination is amended by deleting Clause 6.4 and inserting the following:

6.4 From 1 July 2000, a senator or member may carry forward from one year to the next year up to 20 per cent of charter allowance for the first year, if unused.

OFFICE FACILITIES

C6 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting Clauses 10.1 to 10.9 and inserting the following:

Telephones in private residence(s)

10.1 A senator or member shall be entitled to have access to the following at Commonwealth expense:

- (a) two telephone lines, including rental, transfer and call costs in their private residence(s); and
- (b) installation, maintenance and rental of an answering service or equipment of a type specified by the Special Minister of State.

Telephone Services Charge Card

10.2 A senator or member shall be issued with a Telephone Services Charge Card at Commonwealth expense. The card may only be used by the senator or member personally to make telephone calls on parliamentary or electorate business.

Communications Allowance

- 10.3 Subject to clauses 10.4 to 10.9, a senator or member shall be entitled to use commercial services for the distribution of letters, newsletters and parcels and electronic services (including establishment and maintenance of web sites) at Commonwealth expense in relation to parliamentary or electorate (but not party) business, up to a maximum of:

effective on and from 1 July 2000

Chamber	State or Territory / Electorate	Annual rate
Senators	all States and Territories	\$25,000
Members	Electorate of less than 50,000 km ²	\$25,000
	Electorate of 50,000 or more km ²	\$28,000

- 10.4 Subject to clause 10.5 and 10.6, any part of the entitlement specified in clause 10.3, that is not utilised in a financial year may be carried over to the next financial year.
- 10.5 The maximum amount of unutilised entitlement which has been provided under clause 10.3 that can be carried over from one financial year to the next financial year shall be the annual entitlement as specified in clause 10.3.
- 10.6 On the last day of business before the polling day of a double dissolution or general election, the unutilised entitlements under clause 10.3, including entitlements carried over under clause 10.4, 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.
- 10.7 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 10.3 which has not been utilised in that financial year.
- 10.8 The entitlement in clause 10.3 is in addition to the entitlement of a member in item 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*.
- 10.9 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.

AGGREGATING ENTITLEMENTS

- C7 The Principal Determination is amended by inserting new clauses 11.1 to 11.3 and renumbering existing clauses 11.1 to 11.3 to 12.1 to 12.3:

Aggregating Entitlements for Members for Large Electorates

- 11.1 A member representing an electorate of 300,000 km² or more is entitled to aggregate the entitlements which he or she is granted under clause 6.2 and clause 10.3.
- 11.2 A member representing an electorate of 300,000 km² or more shall be entitled to use his or her aggregated entitlements:

- (a) for charter transport as defined in clause 6.1, within and for the service of his or her State, Territory or electorate in accordance with the procedures, requirements and limitations set out in clauses 6.3 to 6.10; or
 - (b) for commercial communications services as set out in clause 10.3, in relation to parliamentary or electorate (but not party) business in accordance with the procedures, requirements and limitations set out in clauses 10.4 to 10.9.
- 11.3 A member for an electorate of 300,000 km² or more shall be entitled to carry over the unused part of their aggregated entitlement to the total value of:
- (a) the entitlement which the member can carry over under clause 6.4; and
 - (b) the entitlement which the member can carry over under clause 10.5.
- 11.4 Clauses 11.1 to 11.3 shall have effect for a trial period commencing from the date of this determination.

Signed this 29th day of September 2000



Richard G Humphry AO
PRESIDENT



John C Conde AO
MEMBER



Janet Grieve
MEMBER