



## REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

### Statement on 2001 Review of Remuneration and Allowances for Part-time Holders of Public Office:

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the remuneration and significantly related conditions for public office holders, as required under sub-sections 7(3) and (4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*. This Statement provides advice on the outcome of this review.

#### Application

2. This Statement accompanies Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2001/07 which replaces Principal Determination 1999/03 – Fees Paid to Part-time Office Holders. Effective from 5 April 2001, the Determination will provide part-time public office holders with an increase to their per annum and per diem fees.

#### Review Process

3. In undertaking this review and deciding on an appropriate adjustment, the Tribunal has taken into account factors including (but not limited to):
  - key economic indicators;
  - specific indicators such as the Wage Cost Index (WCI) series;
  - wage outcomes in the public and (to a lesser degree) private sector; and
  - the principles of wage determination and decisions of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC).
4. In previous years, the Tribunal has used the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (the ABS) Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings (AWOTE) index as its principal indicator of wage movement. In February 2001, the ABS announced that it was replacing AWOTE with the WCI as its principal wages indicator. The Tribunal has considered the rationale for the change and agrees that the WCI is a more appropriate source of data and has therefore agreed also to adopt it as its principal indicator of wage movement.
5. In 2001, Tribunal has awarded an increase of 3.4% to the per annum and per diem rates of fees. This will have delivered to office holders an effective increase in their per annum and per diem fees of 17.1% over the five-year period to March 2001.

#### More Information

6. Determination 2001/07 will be tabled in Parliament, as required by sub-section 7(7) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*. It will also be made available on the Tribunal web-site at: [www.dofa.gov.au/remtribunal](http://www.dofa.gov.au/remtribunal).

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