



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Determination 2001/10: Members of Parliament - Entitlements

- (i) Pursuant to sub-sections 7(1) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, the Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the allowances to be paid to members of the Parliament and matters significantly related thereto, and determines as set out below.

- (ii) This Determination takes effect on and from the date of signature.

PART 1

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT - ENTITLEMENTS

- 1.1 Determination Number 26 of 1998 (as amended) is referred to as the Principal Determination. The Principal Determination is amended by inserting the following clause 13 after clause 12.

- 1.2 **13 Centenary of Federation Parliamentary Sittings**

- 13.1

- The following provisions of this clause 13 have effect only for the purpose of the Centenary of Federation Parliamentary sittings and events related to those sittings, which will take place in Melbourne, and not for any other purpose.

- 13.2

- Clause 2.25 does not operate in relation to the Centenary of Federation Parliamentary sittings and events related to those sittings.

1.3 **Travel by Spouse or Nominee**

13.3

The spouse or nominee of a senator or member other than a senator or member who lives or has an electorate office within a radius of 10 kilometres from the Melbourne General Post Office may travel to Melbourne at Commonwealth expense.

13.4

If the spouse or nominee of a senator or member (other than from the ACT) travels to Melbourne in accordance with clause 13.3, that trip will count as a trip for the purpose of clause 2.16. For the purpose of clarification, that trip may be either one of the nine annual Canberra trips or one of the three annual interstate trips. If the 12 trips have already been used by the spouse or nominee, clause 13.3 does not give rise to an additional entitlement.

13.5

If the spouse or nominee of a senator or member from the ACT travels to Melbourne in accordance with clause 13.3, that trip will not count as a trip for the purpose of clause 2.17.

1.4 **Travel by Dependent Children**

13.6

Each dependent child of a senator or member other than a senator or member who lives or has an electorate office within a radius of 10 kilometres from the Melbourne General Post Office may travel to Melbourne to accompany or join the senator or member at Commonwealth expense.

13.7

If a dependent child of a senator or member travels to Melbourne in accordance with clause 13.6, that trip will count as one of the three return trips to Canberra referred to in clause 2.18. If the three trips have already been used by the dependent child, clause 13.6 does not give rise to an additional entitlement. This clause 13.7 does not prevent a dependent child of a senator or member from gaining additional trips through the pooling and substitution arrangements as referred to in clauses 2.21, 2.22 and 2.23.

1.5 **Pooling and Conversion of Entitlement**

13.8

In the event that the cost to the Commonwealth of trips to Canberra have been 'pooled' in accordance with clause 2.22, the senator or member may use the pooling arrangement to allow any one or more of the following:

- (a) a spouse or a nominee;
- (b) a dependent child;
- (c) a designated person

to travel to Melbourne to accompany or join the senator or member at Commonwealth expense but provided the travel is within the pooled entitlement.

13.9

In accordance with clause 2.23, a senator or member may convert all of their Canberra trips and interstate trips for a spouse or nominee from business class to economy class travel so as to use the savings to provide additional trips to Canberra for dependent children or designated persons. In the event that a senator or member has converted such trips from business class to economy class in accordance with clause 2.23, those additional trips for dependent children or designated persons may be used for travel to Melbourne to accompany or join the senator or member at Commonwealth expense but provided the travel is within the conversion entitlement.

1.6 **Car Transport**

13.10

Clause 3.12 (Car Transport Spouse or nominee) will operate for the purpose of travel associated with the Centenary of Federation Parliamentary sittings and events related to those sittings, except that paragraphs (c) and (d) shall be deleted and paragraphs (b) and (e) shall be deleted and substituted with the following:

" (b) between the airport or railway station in Melbourne and the Melbourne destination;

(e) between the venues for the Centenary of Federation Parliamentary sittings in Melbourne and events related to those sittings, and the place of accommodation in Melbourne".

13.11

Dependent children and designated persons who travel in accordance with clauses 13.6 to 13.9 may use taxis or hire cars to and from any station or terminal at Commonwealth expense 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.

13.12

Clauses 13.10 and 13.11 will not operate to the extent that transport is provided by the Centenary of Federation (Victoria) to the Centenary of Federation Parliamentary sittings' related events, other than in exceptional circumstances.

1.7 **Private Vehicle Allowance**

13.13

Clause 4 (Private Vehicle Allowance for travel to or from Canberra) will operate for the purpose of travel to or from Melbourne for the Centenary of Federation Parliamentary sittings. For this purpose, the word 'Melbourne' shall be substituted for the word 'Canberra' wherever it appears.

Signed this 2 day of May 2001



Richard G Humphry AO
PRESIDENT



John C Conde AO
MEMBER



Janet E Grieve
MEMBER