



## REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

### Explanatory Memorandum: Determination 2001/10

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the allowances and matters significantly related thereto for members of the Parliament, as it is empowered to do by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*. The purpose of the amendments is to facilitate travel arrangements by the categories of persons specified, for the purpose of the Centenary of Federation Parliamentary Sittings in Melbourne on 9 and 10 May 2001 and events related to those sittings.

#### PART 1 – MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT - ENTITLEMENTS

2. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination as being Determination Number 26 of 1998 (as amended).
3. Clause 1.2 specifies that a new clause 13 is to be inserted into the Principal Determination. Clause 13 will enable entitled persons to travel, at Commonwealth expense but within the specified provisions, for the purpose of the Federation sittings and events related to those sittings.
4. Clause 1.3 specifies that the spouses or nominees of senators or members, other than those who are Melbourne-based, may travel to Melbourne. Each spouse or nominee is entitled to use one of their 12 allocated annual trips provided for under clause 2.16, and can choose either one of the 9 trips to Canberra or one of the three interstate trips. The spouse or nominee of an ACT senator or member is entitled to an additional trip to Melbourne. Such spouses or nominees understandably do not have an existing entitlement to travel to Canberra for Parliamentary sittings which they can use, and may have already used their three annual interstate trips.
5. Clause 1.4 specifies that dependent children of senators or members, other than those who are Melbourne-based, may travel to Melbourne. Such travel will count as one of the three Canberra trips allocated under clause 2.18.
6. Clause 1.5 specifies that those senators and members who have accessed the 'pooling' provisions in clause 2.22 can use their pooled funds to pay for travel to Melbourne by any one or more of the categories of persons listed. However, a senator or member is not entitled to any extra trips for those categories of persons, beyond what they can pay for from their pooled funds. Clause 1.5 also specifies that senators and members who have accessed the 'conversion' provisions in clause 2.23 can use their converted funds to pay for travel to Melbourne for the categories of persons listed, but only within their conversion entitlement.
7. Clause 1.6 specifies that the categories of persons listed have access to car transport within Melbourne for purposes associated with the Centenary Parliamentary sittings and related events. However, that access is not available where transport is provided by the Centenary of Federation (Victoria), other than in exceptional circumstances.

8. Clause 1.7 specifies that the private vehicle allowance provisions in clause 4, which apply only to travel to or from Canberra, will apply to travel to or from Melbourne.

Authority: Sub-sections 7(1) and 7(4)  
of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*