



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Memorandum: Determination 2001/14

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the allowances and significantly related matters for members of the Parliament, as it is empowered to do by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

PART 1 – Members of Parliament – Entitlements

2. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 26 of 1998) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
3. Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 make changes to the Principal Determination by inserting a new sub-clause, and making consequent changes to the existing sub-clauses immediately preceding the new sub-clause. The new sub-clause makes provision for the shadow minister with responsibility for the external territories to travel to the external territories listed, at government expense, when travelling in the performance of duties or functions connected with the office of shadow minister.

PART 2 – Members of Parliament – Travelling allowance

4. Clause 2.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 8 of 1998) for the purposes of Part 2 of the Determination.
5. Clauses 2.2 to 2.6 make changes to the Principal Determination by inserting new clauses which outline the requirements that need to be met by the relevant shadow minister with responsibility for the external territories, when that shadow minister is travelling at government expense to the external territories. The new clauses also specify that the shadow minister is entitled to a maximum of seven overnight stays a year. Those seven nights are to be taken from the existing entitlement of up to fifty-five overnight stays a year that is available to each shadow minister when travelling in the performance of duties or functions connected with the office of shadow minister, as outlined in clause 25. As noted in clause 27, the seven nights available to the relevant shadow minister cannot be pooled with other shadow ministers' travel entitlement. The new clauses also assume that there will be only one shadow minister with responsibility for the external territories at any time but make it clear that the entire entitlement for a year is a maximum of seven overnight stays regardless of whether or how many times the identity of the shadow minister changes during the course of the year.
6. Clause 2.7 makes changes to the Principal Determination by deleting the existing table in clause 13, and replacing it with the new table specified. The new table states that each Senator from Western Australia, in addition to the entitlement in clause 10, when travelling in his or her electorate on parliamentary or electorate business, stops overnight at least 100 km from his or her home base and makes a claim identifying the places and night of absence, will be entitled to ten overnight stays a year.

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