



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Determination 2001/25: Members of Parliament - Entitlements

- (i) Pursuant to subsections 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 except where specified otherwise.

PART 1

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT – TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

- 1.1 In this part, Determination Number 8 of 1998 (as amended) is referred to as the Principal Determination.
- 1.2 The table in Clause 13 of the Principal Determination is amended by deleting the words:
 - 'Effective on and from 1 July 2000' and substituting in their place 'Effective on and from 10 November 2001';
 - 'Electorate of the Northern Territory' and substituting in their place 'Electorate of Lingiari'; and
 - from Footnote (a) 'Subject to review if the total representation from the Northern Territory exceeds three' and substituting in their place 'Subject to review'.
- 1.3 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting clause 15 and substituting the following:
 15. A senator from the Northern Territory or the Member for Lingiari who visits the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and/or Christmas Island and the member for Canberra and senators from the Australian Capital Territory who visit Norfolk Island for electorate business shall be paid additional travelling allowance up to a maximum of eleven overnight stays per annum, unless prevailing airline schedules prevent the senator or member from completing his or her journey within that maximum number of days. This entitlement shall apply to senators from the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory only while the total representation from those Territories in both Houses does not exceed eight senators and members in the Parliament.
- 1.4 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting clause 16 and substituting the following:

16. A senator from the Northern Territory or the member for Lingiari who is required to break his or her journey when travelling to or from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands or Christmas Island on electorate business may be paid travelling allowance for that overnight stay in accordance with the rates in clause 1 Part 1.
- 1.5 Clause 18 of the Principal Determination is amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following:
- (a) that the purpose or purposes of the journey was for committee business as formally authorised by the Committee; and
- 1.6 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting clause 25C and substituting the following:
- 25C(a) Except as provided under paragraph (b), if during the course of a year there is more than one shadow minister with responsibility for the external territories, any subsequent relevant shadow ministers shall be entitled to only the remainder of any entitlement referred to in clause 25A that has not already been used in the financial year.
- (b) If during the course of a year:
- (i) a general election occurs; and
- (ii) there is a change of government,
- the relevant shadow minister following the change of government shall be entitled to a proportionate amount of the benefit referred to in clause 25A worked out by the formula set out in sub-section 6(1) of the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*. An amount so worked out must be rounded to the nearest whole number that is greater than 0.

PART 2

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT – ENTITLEMENTS

- 2.1 In this part, Determination Number 26 of 1998 (as amended) is referred to as the Principal Determination.
- 2.2 Clause 2.4 of the Principal Determination is amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following:
- (a) in the case of a senator for the Northern Territory or the member for Lingiari, travel to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island on electorate business;
- Clause 2.4 of the Principal Determination is further amended by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following:
- (d) in the case of a senator or member who is a member of a parliamentary committee, travel to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island on committee business as formally authorised by the committee;

- 2.3 The Principal Determination is amended by deleting Clause 5.4 and substituting the following:
- 5.4 In addition to clause 5.1, a member representing an electorate of 300,000 km² or more and the Senators representing the Northern Territory (while the total representation from the Northern Territory in both Houses does not exceed the present level of four) shall, at the request of the senator or member, be provided with a Commonwealth-leased private plated, four wheel drive motor vehicle.
- 2.4 Sub-clause 6.2 of the Principal Determination is amended by deleting the words from the Footnote (a) in the table: 'Subject to review if the total representation from the Northern Territory exceeds three' and substituting in their place 'Subject to review'.

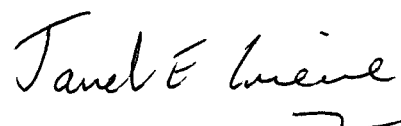
Signed this 8 day of November 2001



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