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MEDIA STATEMENT

The Remuneration Tribunal has today released its determination for the major review of judicial remuneration which commenced in 2001. An accompanying statement outlines the Tribunal's determination.

The judicial system provides the legal underpinning for our society and enables people to go about their daily affairs, protected by the rule of law. An effective and efficient judicial system plays an important role in ensuring confidence in the regulation of all levels of the economy and, indeed, in the very economic prosperity of this nation.

In undertaking the Review, the Tribunal received submissions from interested parties including the Commonwealth Attorney-General, the federal courts and tribunals, and consulted with public and private sector individuals and organisations. The Tribunal last undertook a major review into judicial remuneration in 1994.

In arriving at its decision, the Tribunal has sought to balance the various arguments and material placed before it, whilst ensuring that adequate and appropriate remuneration outcomes continue to protect and promote an independent judiciary.

For judicial office holders, the Tribunal has determined the following increases. The first increase, to take effect from 1 July 2002, shall be 7%. The second and third increases shall be implemented in two instalments of 5% from July 2003 and 5% from July 2004.

For the related offices, such as registrars, officers of tribunals and Chief Executives of the courts, the Tribunal has determined an increase of 3.1% based on wages growth as measured by the Wage Cost Index. This increase is to take effect from 1 July 2002.

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