



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Memorandum: Determination 2003/20

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the remuneration and significantly related matters for public office holders and Members of Parliament, as it is empowered to do by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.
2. The retrospective application of this determination does not affect the rights of a person (other than the Commonwealth) in a manner prejudicial to that person, nor does it impose any liability on such a person.

PART 1 – JUDICIAL AND RELATED MATTERS

3. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 21 of 2002) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
4. Clause 1.2 specifies that the Chief Executive Officer, Federal Magistrates Service will receive a performance bonus of the amount specified for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

PART 2 – PART-TIME OFFICE HOLDERS

5. Clause 1.3 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 3 of 2003) for the purposes of Part 2 of the Determination.
6. Clause 1.4 specifies the per diem remuneration for the newly established PSS/CSS Reconsideration Advisory Committee, with effect from 12 August 2003.

PART 3 – FULL-TIME OFFICE HOLDERS

6. Clause 1.5 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 11 of 2003) for the purposes of Part 3 of the Determination.
7. Clauses 1.6 and 1.7 updates the remuneration levels for both the Chairperson and Administrator of the ATSIC Regional Council to reflect the rolling-in of a \$3,313 expense allowance, thus increasing the Base Salary and Total Remuneration with effect on and from 19 December 2002.

PART 4 – MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

8. Clause 1.8 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 14 of 2003) for the purposes of Part 4 of the Determination.
9. Clause 1.9 removes the definition of 'official business' from the definitions section of the Principal Determination, as 'official business' is already defined for the purposes of clauses 2.1 and 2.2 of the Principal Determination.
10. Clause 1.10 adds several items for which the overseas study travel entitlement may be used. As set out in the Principal Determination, senators and members may undertake study travel outside Australia for the purpose of undertaking studies and investigations of matters related to their duties and responsibilities as a member of Parliament, subject to certain conditions. The additional items are within the existing financial cap (equivalent to the value of a round the world first class air fare) as set out in the Principal Determination.

PART 5 – RECREATION LEAVE

11. Clause 1.9 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 20 of 2002) for the purposes of Part 5 of the Determination.
12. Clause 1.10 includes a new clause which clarifies that the rate of remuneration used for calculating recreation leave in lieu is to be the same as the office holder's salary for superannuation purposes.

Authority: Sub-sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(3) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*