



## REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

### Explanatory Memorandum 2004/05 Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the allowances and matters significantly related thereto for members of the Parliament by reason of their membership of the Parliament or by reason of their holding particular offices, or performing particular functions in, or in relation to the Parliament or either House of Parliament, as it is empowered to do by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.
2. The Determination updates and replaces in full Determination Number 13 of 2003 as amended (the previous determination).

#### **PART 1 – RATES**

3. Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 specify the domestic travelling allowance rates for Specified Office Holders and Senators and Members to apply from 28 March 2004.
4. Clause 1.5 contains the definitions for certain words for the purposes of the Determination.

#### **PART 2 – CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT**

5. Clause 2.1 sets out the definitions and general principles that apply to this Part.
6. Clauses 2.2 to 2.4 set out conditions for the payment of travelling allowance and other than minor referencing changes are unchanged from the previous determination.
7. Clauses 2.5 and 2.5.1 set out the travelling allowance provisions for the Prime Minister and has been amended to increase the rate from \$455 to \$470 for each overnight stay.
8. Clauses 2.6 to 2.9 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Ministers and Office Holders and other than minor referencing changes are unchanged from the previous determination.
9. Clauses 2.10 to 2.14 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Senators and Members. One new clause has been inserted and there have been some minor referencing changes. The new clause (2.13.1) provides members representing an electorate of 300.000km<sup>2</sup> or more access from their existing travelling allowance entitlement, to up to five overnight transit stops per annum, as prescribed.
10. Clauses 2.15 to 2.18 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Senators and Members representing the External Territories and other than minor referencing changes are unchanged from the previous determination.
11. Clauses 2.19 and 2.20 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Party Leaders and are unchanged from the previous determination.

12. Clause 2.21 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for the Second Deputy Speaker in the House of Representatives and is unchanged from the previous determination.
13. Clause 2.22 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for Chief Whips and is unchanged from the previous determination.
14. Clause 2.23 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for Whips and is unchanged from the previous determination.
15. Clause 2.24 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for Chairs of Parliamentary Committees and is unchanged from the previous determination.
16. Clauses 2.25 to 2.27 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Shadow Ministers and other than minor referencing changes are unchanged from the previous determination.
17. Clause 2.28 gives effect to procedural rules made by the Special Minister of State and is unchanged from the previous determination.

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