



## REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

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### Explanatory Statement: Determination 2008/12 Members of Parliament – Travel Allowance

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1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the remuneration and significantly related matters for office holders, as it is empowered to do by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.
2. In making this determination the Tribunal has informed itself through consultation in accordance with established practice.
3. Any retrospective application of this determination is in accordance with subsection 12(2) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* as it does not affect the rights of a person (other than the Commonwealth or an authority of the Commonwealth) to that person's disadvantage, nor does it impose any liability on such a person.

#### **PART 1 – MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

4. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 15 of 2007) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
5. Clause 1.2 amends a clause in the Principal Determination providing additional access to travelling allowance for the Chief Whips of the Government and Opposition in the House of Representatives, when their duties in those positions cause them to travel away from their home base and away from Canberra. A maximum entitlement of 20 nights in each 12 month period, commencing 1 July 2008, is provided.
6. Clause 1.3 inserts a clause in the Principal Determination providing additional access to travelling allowance for the Whips of the Government and Opposition in the Senate, when their duties in those positions cause them to travel away from their home base and away from Canberra. A maximum entitlement of ten nights in each 12 month period, commencing 1 July 2008, is provided. This entitlement is limited to the principal Government Whip and principal Opposition Whip.

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