



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2008/20 Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Public Office

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 – PART-TIME OFFICES

4. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 7 of 2008 as amended) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
5. Clauses 1.2 and 1.3 set remuneration for the new offices of Chair and Member of the National Indigenous Health Equality Council, with effect on and from 20 August 2008.
6. Clauses 1.4 and 1.5 provide that when the Deputy Convenor acts as the Convenor of the Classification Review Board under the automatic acting arrangement put in place by the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, he or she will be entitled to the same remuneration and other conditions as a substantive appointee to the office of Convenor, with effect on and from 12 September 2008.
7. Clauses 1.6 and 1.7 delete the reference to the office of Chief Scientist, which is being converted to a full-time office, with effect on and from 3 November 2008.

8. Clause 1.8 changes the name of one of the Professional Committees referred to in subclause B1.1 of Schedule B of the Principal Determination. It also ensures that the list remains in alphabetical order.

PART 2 – FULL-TIME OFFICES

9. Clause 2.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 8 of 2008 as amended) for the purposes of Part 2 of the Determination.
10. Clause 2.2 sets remuneration for the new office of Assistant Director of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.
11. Clauses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 provide that when the Deputy Director acts as the Director of the Classification Board under the automatic acting arrangement put in place by the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, he or she will be entitled to the same remuneration and other conditions as a substantive appointee to the office of Director, with effect on and from 12 September 2008.
12. Clauses 2.6 and 2.7 clarify that facilities such as a mobile phone, laptop or other office equipment should not be treated as forming part of an office holder's Total Remuneration.
13. Clauses 2.8 and 2.9 set remuneration for the office of Chief Scientist, with effect from 3 November 2008. This office has been converted from a full-time office.

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