



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2010/08 Official Travel by Office Holders

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 – TRAVEL ALLOWANCE – OFFICE HOLDERS

4. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 4 of 2003 as amended) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
5. Clause 1.2 updates travelling allowance rates in Schedule A – *Remuneration Tribunal Travelling Allowance Rates* of the Principal Determination, with effect on and from 29 August 2010.
6. Clause 1.3 outlines the general principles, including value for money, which should be a consideration for all holders of public office when undertaking travel on official business.
7. Clause 1.4 clarifies that agency guidelines are subordinate to the conditions determined by the Tribunal.
8. Clause 1.5 provides that that an office holder's entitlement to travel at First or Business Class domestically or overseas should not be interpreted as proscribing the office holder from choosing to travel at a lower Class.

Authority: Sub-sections 5(2A), 7(3), 7(3D) and 7(4) of
the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.