



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Memorandum: Determination 2002/18

Pursuant to subsections 7(1) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, the Remuneration Tribunal is empowered to inquire into and determine allowances to be paid to members of the Parliament and matters significantly related thereto. Determination Number 8 of 1998 and Determination Number 26 of 1998 are the Tribunal's principal determinations for parliamentarians' allowances and significantly related matters.

On 9 April 2002, the President of the Tribunal wrote to all Federal Senators and Members inviting submissions to the Tribunal's 2002 annual review of parliamentarians' allowances for expenses of office. As it was the Tribunal's intention to finalise the review by late September 2002, submissions were sought by 19 July.

To date, the Tribunal has received a considerable number of submissions from Senators and Members. However, key submissions are still outstanding.

The Tribunal is aware of its statutory responsibilities to carry out its inquiries and make its determinations on a regular basis. Therefore, following an inquiry the Tribunal has made an interim determination that there be no change at the present time to Determination Number 8 of 1998 and Determination Number 26 of 1998.

After the Tribunal has received other key submissions relating to the 2002 review it will undertake a further inquiry as soon as practicable and make a final determination. For the purpose of this inquiry and determination the Tribunal will also have regard to submissions it has already received from Senators and Members.

Authority: Subsections 7(1) and 7(4)
of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*