



## REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

### Explanatory Memorandum: Determination 2003/13

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 retrospective application of this determination does not affect the rights of a person (other than the Commonwealth) in a manner prejudicial to that person, nor does it impose any liability on such a person.
3. The Determination replaces in full Determination Number 8 of 1998 as amended (the previous determination) following a review of parliamentary allowances for expenses of office.

#### **PART 1 – RATES**

4. Part 1 specifies the domestic travelling allowance rates which are unchanged from the previous determination.

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

5. Clause 1 sets out the definitions and general principles that apply to this Part.
6. Clause 1 has been amended to include a definition of 'year'.
7. Clauses 2 to 4 set out conditions for the payment of travelling allowance and, other than a minor correction to references in clause 2(e), are unchanged from the previous determination.
8. Clauses 5 and 5A set out the travelling allowance provisions for the Prime Minister and are unchanged from the previous determination.
9. Clauses 6 to 9 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Ministers and Office Holders and are unchanged from the previous determination.
10. Clauses 10 to 14 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Senators and Members.
11. Clause 13 has been amended from the previous determination to remove the requirement that Senators and Members travel at least 100km from their home base before being eligible to claim travelling allowance. This clause is now applicable to Members with electorates at least 10,000km<sup>2</sup> in area and Senators.
12. Clause 14 has been amended to increase the rate of daily expense allowance from \$50 to \$60 per day.
13. Clauses 15 to 18 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Senators and

- Members representing the External Territories and are unchanged from the previous determination.
14. Clauses 19 to 20 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Party Leaders and are unchanged from the previous determination.
  15. Clause 21 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for the Second Deputy Speaker in the House of Representatives and is unchanged from the previous determination.
  16. Clause 22 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for Chief Whips and is unchanged from the previous determination.
  17. Clause 23 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for Whips and is unchanged from the previous determination.
  18. Clause 24 sets out the travelling allowance provisions for Chairs of Parliamentary Committees and is unchanged from the previous determination.
  19. Clauses 25 to 27 set out the travelling allowance provisions for Shadow Ministers and are unchanged from the previous determination.
  20. Clause 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*