



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2008/18 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. Clause 1.2 advises the travel tier available for members of the Australian Bravery Decorations Council and the Council for the Order of Australia.

PART 2 – FULL-TIME OFFICES

6. Clause 2.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 8 of 2008 as amended) for the purposes of Part 2 of the Determination.
7. Clauses 2.2 and 2.3 increase the accommodation allowance payable to Classification Board Members, with effect on and from 1 July 2008. In addition, Clause 2.2 removes any reference to the scheme which operated prior to 28 February 2006 as there are no longer any members to whom it applies.
8. Clause 2.4 substitutes the amounts currently shown in Table 2A, which apply only to the Hon John von Doussa while he occupies the office of President of the

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, with the normal remuneration that should apply to this office.

9. Clause 2.5 preserves the current entitlements of the Hon John Von Doussa while he remains President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. It also provides that the incoming President, the Hon Catherine Branson, will receive a lower rate of remuneration than would normally apply to this office.
10. Clause 2.6 provides that for the period of her appointment as President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Ms Branson will be entitled to an additional two weeks recreation leave per annum.

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