



**Remuneration Tribunal**  
**Travelling Allowance Rates for**  
**Public Office Holders and Parliamentarians**

**STATEMENT**

The Remuneration Tribunal determines travelling allowance for offices within its jurisdiction, including for judicial offices and parliamentarians.

In setting travelling allowance rates, the Tribunal follows figures used by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as reasonable travel expense amounts. The ATO released up to date amounts for the various locations on 30 June 2010<sup>1</sup>, and the Tribunal has now also updated the rates in its travel allowance determinations. The Tribunal has in recent years adjusted these rates with effect from the last weekend in August each year – this year any adjustments to the rates will take effect from 29 August 2010.

While the travelling allowance rates set for most public office holders follow the ATO figures closely, some of the rates set for parliamentarians vary from the ATO rates. For instance travelling allowance for parliamentarians travelling to Canberra is considerably less than it would be were the ATO's reasonable expense amount for Canberra used.

In the current determinations the Canberra rate for parliamentarians has increased from \$230 to \$233 per night. This represents a percentage increase commensurate with the percentage increase in the ATO's Canberra rate.

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<sup>1</sup> Taxation Determination 2010/19: Income Tax: what are the reasonable travel and overtime meal allowance expense amounts for the 2010-11 income year?