



Remuneration Tribunal

Remuneration Tribunal (2018/09 Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination 2018

REASONS FOR DETERMINATION

Legislative Framework

Sub-section 47(6) of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) requires the Tribunal to notify its reasons for each determination made in relation to members of Parliament to the Minister and to publish those reasons on the Tribunal's website.

What Remuneration Tribunal (2018/09 Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination 2018 Does

Remuneration Tribunal (2018/09 Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination 2018 amends *Principal Determination 2017/23: Members of Parliament* with effect from 17 September 2018.

The determination sets office holder's salary at the rate of 25 per cent of parliamentary base salary for the parliamentary office of the Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate.

The Tribunal's Reasons

The Tribunal received a formal request from the then Special Minister of State in May 2018 to consider whether the responsibilities of, and the commitment required by, the Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate warranted the setting of additional salary for the office.

The Tribunal consulted the President of the Senate and the Shadow Special Minister of State to assist its understanding of the role of the office.

In deciding to set office holder's salary at the rate of 25 per cent of base salary for this office, the Tribunal acknowledges the complexity and importance of the role in working with the Government to ensure chamber process and procedure are followed, as well as the extent of the commitment required of the office holder in an environment characterised by constant negotiation, long hours and regular interruptions to the Senate's legislative program. The Tribunal also considered the duties and responsibilities of similar offices in both Houses of Parliament, where office holder salary has already been determined.

Remuneration Tribunal (2018/09 Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination 2018 implements the Tribunal's decision.

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