



## **Remuneration Tribunal**

### ***Determination 2013/19***

### ***Members of Parliament – Additional Salary for Parliamentary Office Holders***

#### **REASONS FOR DETERMINATION**

##### Legislative Framework

Section 7A of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* (the Act) requires the Tribunal to notify its reasons for each determination made in relation to members of the Parliament of Australia to the Minister and to publish those reasons on the Tribunal's website.

##### What *Determination 2013/19* Does

*Determination 2013/19* amends the end date for a provision allowing the Opposition to continue to pay additional salary to two more shadow ministers than will be the case in future.

##### The Tribunal's Reasons

The Tribunal first set additional salary for shadow ministers in 2012. In determining such a provision the Tribunal's intention was to limit the number of shadow ministers who could be paid, so that there were not more shadow ministers than actual ministers in receipt of additional salary.

However, when the Tribunal made this decision it recognised the status quo – at the time the Opposition had two more shadow ministers than the Government had ministers. The Tribunal determined a provision allowing all of these shadow ministers to be paid until the 2013 election.

When the Tribunal determined an end date for this it nominated the election date. However, the Tribunal has reconsidered this, noting that a new government, either one that is returned or one that is newly voted in, does not formally become the Government on election day, but rather on the date shortly afterwards when it is sworn in. This determination changes the end date for the transitional provision to reflect that.

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