



Remuneration Tribunal Review of Remuneration for Holders of Public Office

Statement

The Tribunal's obligation, under sub-sections 7(3) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* (the Act), is to inquire into and determine remuneration and significantly related conditions for offices within its jurisdiction at least annually.

Earlier this year, by Determinations 2008/06, 2008/07 and 2008/08, we increased the remuneration of full-time and part-time public office holders and Specified Statutory Officers (SSOs) by 4.3%, with effect from 1 July 2008.

In a Statement issued in conjunction with the above Determinations, we noted the economic and other circumstances then prevailing. We also indicated that the issue of possible further adjustments would be revisited towards the end of 2008.

Since then, the dimensions of the global financial crisis have become clearer. In this context, and taking into account the other factors to which the Tribunal must have regard, the Tribunal has decided to maintain the current general levels of remuneration and other related matters for full-time and part-time public office holders and SSOs at this time. This will also apply to the classification bands of the Principal Executive Office (PEO) structure and to the reference rates of individual PEOs.

We continue to note, however, that the remuneration relativities of offices in the Tribunal's jurisdiction have declined significantly compared to the Senior Executive Service (SES) of the Australian Public Service. This matter remains under consideration.

Determination 2008/21 reflects the Tribunal's current decision. It will be tabled in Parliament, as required by subsection 7(7) of the Act. It will also be made available on the Tribunal's website at www.remtribunal.gov.au and on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments at www.comlaw.gov.au.

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