



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Parliamentary Remuneration and Expenses

STATEMENT

The new remuneration and work expenses framework for parliamentarians, established by the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act), sets out a number of inquiry, reporting and determinative obligations on the Tribunal, to be completed at least once each year.

In June 2018, the Tribunal completed its annual inquiry into parliamentary base salary and related matters.

In July 2018, the Tribunal reported to the relevant Minister on ministerial salaries.

In August 2018, the Tribunal inquired into and determined changes to travel allowances for parliamentarians.

In December 2018, the Tribunal completed its inquiries in relation to the remaining remuneration matters (including electorate allowance) and the remuneration and allowances for former parliamentarians set out in its Members of Parliament determination, as well as the relevant travel-related matters prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017.

The Tribunal has concluded that, with one exception, no further changes to the provisions for which it has responsibility are necessary at this time. The Tribunal has recommended to the Government that the Canberra Daily Allowance, an allowance available to a small number of ACT based Members and Senators for meals and incidental expenses, be abolished. The Government is obliged under the PBR Act to implement the Tribunal's recommendations.

The Tribunal will issue a new principal Members of Parliament determination effective from 1 January 2019. The new determination makes no changes to the remuneration provisions in place at this time. For further information about *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2018* see its accompanying Reasons for Determination statement.

The Tribunal's determinations and statements will be available on its website - <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/> once they are registered.

Remuneration Tribunal

5 December 2018

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