



## REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

### ***Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) 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 (Members of Parliament) Determination 2018 Does***

Principal determination *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2018* supersedes and revokes in full *Determination 2017/23: Members of Parliament 2018* which sets out remuneration and allowance provisions for members of Parliament and allowance and expense provisions for former members of Parliament.

*Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2018* commences on 1 January 2019.

##### **The Tribunal's Reasons**

Section 45 of the PBR Act requires the Tribunal to inquire into and determine the remuneration and rates of travel allowances payable to members of Parliament at least once each year. Section 46 requires the Tribunal to inquire into and determine the allowances and expenses payable to former members of Parliament at least once each year.

In June 2018, the Tribunal inquired into parliamentary base salary and related matters and issued amending *Determination 2018/06: Members of Parliament* to give effect to its decisions.

In August 2018, the Tribunal inquired into and determined changes to travel allowances for parliamentarians in *Remuneration Tribunal (2018/08 Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination 2018*.

In September 2018, in response to a request from the Special Minister of State, the Tribunal determined the salary for the office of Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate in *Remuneration Tribunal (2018/09 Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination 2018*.

In December 2018, the Tribunal completed its inquiries in relation to the remaining remuneration provisions (including electorate allowance) for current members of Parliament as well as the provisions for former members. The Tribunal concluded that no changes to these provisions were necessary at this time.

*Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2018* makes no changes to the provisions in Determination 2017/23 other than to remove or maintain certain transitional provisions.

Transitional provisions relating to post-retirement travel expenses have been removed as they no longer have application. Transitional provisions relating to private-plated car arrangements in effect immediately prior to the commencement of Determination 2017/23 have been maintained consequential to the making of the successor determination.

The Tribunal's determinations and reports are available on its website - <http://remtribunal.gov.au/>

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**10 December 2018**