



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2019

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) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2019 Does

The determination *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2019* abolishes the Canberra Daily Allowance.

The Tribunal's Reasons

Section 45 of the PBR Act requires the Tribunal to inquire into and determine the remuneration and rates of travel allowance payable to members of Parliament at least once each year. In August 2018, following the completion of its annual review of travel allowance rates, the Tribunal formed a preliminary view about the Canberra Daily Allowance.

The Canberra Daily Allowance is payable to Canberra-based parliamentarians travelling in Canberra on parliamentary business.

The Tribunal examined data provided by the Department of Finance and the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority that indicated a steady decline in eligible parliamentarians claiming the allowance. The allowance has not been claimed since February 2018.

Following consultation with the Special Minister of State between August and September 2018 on the continuing relevance and utility of the allowance, the Tribunal recommended to Government in December 2018 that it be abolished.

Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (2019 Measures No.1) Regulations 2019 abolished the regulation prescribing the allowance with effect from 23 February 2019. *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination (No.1) 2019* implements the consequential abolition of the rate of the allowance.

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