Remuneration Tribunal

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No. 3) 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. 3) 2019 Does


The determination corrects an error in Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2019 (Amendment Determination No. 2) which adjusted the domestic travel allowance rates for parliamentarians from 25 August 2019.

The Tribunal’s Reasons

The Tribunal reviews and updates the travel and motor vehicle allowance rates for offices within its jurisdiction, including parliamentarians, on an annual basis. Amendment Determination No. 2 implemented the Tribunal’s decisions arising from its 2019 review as they relate to parliamentarians.

In Amendment Determination No. 2, travel allowance rates for Queanbeyan were inadvertently included in Schedule B. As the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017, which apply through clause 5.6 of the principal determination, define ‘Canberra’ to mean locations within a 30 kilometre radius of Parliament House, the Canberra travel allowance rate applies to Queanbeyan. This determination removes the entry for Queanbeyan from Schedule B of the principal determination.

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