



Remuneration Tribunal

Annual Review of Travelling Allowance Rates for Public Office Holders and Parliamentarians

STATEMENT

The Remuneration Tribunal has reviewed and updated the domestic travelling allowance amounts for offices within its jurisdiction, including for judicial offices and parliamentarians.

The new rates, which will take effect on and from Sunday, 31 August 2014, are contained in *Determinations 2014/15: Official Travel by Office Holders* and *2014/16: Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance*.

As in previous years, the rates closely reflect the amounts determined each year by the Australian Taxation Office as reasonable travel expense amounts (see *Taxation Determination 2014/19: Income tax: what are the reasonable travel and overtime meal allowance expense amounts for the 2014-15 income year?*).

Most rates have only increased by a small amount. The highest increases apply to Brisbane, Darwin, Sydney and regional centres in New South Wales (Albury, Gosford, Gunnedah, Maitland, Newcastle, Orange and Queanbeyan), Queensland (Ayr, Charters Towers, Mackay and Roma), Tasmania (Burnie and Queenstown), Victoria (Benalla, Bright, Sale and Colac) and Western Australia (Derby and Port Hedland). The highest rate (applying to Tier 1/Ministers and specified parliamentary office holders) for Perth has fallen.

For further information concerning Determination 2014/16 see its accompanying *Reasons for Determination* statement.

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

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