

## **Remuneration Tribunal**

## 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. In most cases the rates have increased slightly. A small number have decreased.

The new rates, which will take effect on and from 28 August 2016, are contained in Determinations 2016/07: Official Travel by Office Holders and 2016/08: 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 2016/13: Income tax: what are the reasonable travel and overtime meal allowance expense amounts for the 2016-17 income year?*).

Motor vehicle allowance provisions and rates are unchanged from those determined by the Tribunal effective from 1 July 2016.

In reviewing the rates for parliamentarians the Tribunal has been cognisant of the recommendations of the review *An Independent Parliamentary Entitlements System.* For further information about Determination 2016/08 see its accompanying *Reasons for Determination* statement.

The Tribunal's determinations and statements are available on its website - <a href="http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/">http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/</a>.

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