

Remuneration Tribunal

Determination 2013/21 Members of Parliament - Travelling Allowance

REASONS FOR DETERMINATION

Legislative Framework

Section 7A of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* (the Act) requires the Tribunal to notify its reasons for each determination made in relation to members of the Parliament of Australia to the Minister and to publish those reasons on the Tribunal's website.

What Determination 2013/21 Does

Determination 2013/21 makes some minor amendments to Principal Determination 2013/17: Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance. The Principal Determination sets out travelling allowances payable within Australia to members of the Parliament and Ministers of State, and related conditions of payment.

The Tribunal's Reasons

No changes have been made to the travelling allowances provided for in *Determination 2013/17*. The Tribunal has, however, amended the heading of a clause in the Principal Determination related to conditions of payment. The purpose of this amendment is to remove any possible ambiguities regarding the entitlement of a Minister or other office holder to claim travelling allowance in respect of travel undertaken solely in his or her capacity as a senator or member of the House of Representatives.

The Tribunal has also taken the opportunity to correct an error in the numbering of a subclause that outlines the scope of a reference to Canberra in the Principal Determination.

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

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