



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Determination 2015/23

Members of Parliament – Entitlements

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 2015/23* Does

Determination 2015/23 amends Principal Determination 2012/04: *Members of Parliament – Entitlements*. This Determination sets out various entitlements for members of parliament (MPs).

The Determination amends existing family reunion car transport provisions to allow MPs' dependent children and designated persons to use regulated ridesharing services as an alternative to taxis and hire cars when travelling at Commonwealth expense, in Australia, for family reunion purposes.

The Tribunal's Reasons

Following the introduction of measures to regulate the use of ridesharing services within the Australian Capital Territory, the Government has requested the Tribunal to consider including a ridesharing option within the MPs' family reunion car transport provisions.

While the family reunion provisions for MPs and their spouses (or nominees) do not limit the forms of car transport that may be used for this purpose, MPs' dependent children and designated persons are currently permitted to use taxis or hire cars only.

Including regulated ridesharing services as a car transport option for dependent children and designated persons provides additional flexibility and has the potential to reduce the cost to the Commonwealth of providing car transport to MPs' families.

Accordingly, the Tribunal has determined that dependent children and designated persons may use regulated ridesharing services when travelling within Australia for family reunion purposes.

The Tribunal's determination is available on its website - <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/>.