



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Determination 2017/02 ***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 2017/02* Does

Determination 2017/02 amends Principal Determination 2012/04: *Members of Parliament – Entitlements* which sets out various travel and remuneration related provisions for members of parliament.

The Determination removes, in its entirety, Part 10 of the Principal Determination (Overseas Travel – Transitional Arrangements).

The Tribunal's Reasons

The Tribunal announced its intention to abolish the provisions enabling members of parliament to accrue financial assistance to support their travel overseas for study purposes in its December 2011 report '*Review of the Remuneration of Members of Parliament – Initial Report*'. In coming to that conclusion, the Tribunal noted that there were other avenues for members of parliament to undertake overseas travel.

The Tribunal subsequently abolished the provisions in March 2012 ([*Determination 2012/04 Members of Parliament - Entitlements*](#) refers) and established a transitional period for members of parliament to access the amounts already accrued. Access was limited to the period that ended with the expiration of the 44th Parliament.

As this transitional period has now expired the Tribunal has removed the transitional provisions for overseas travel (Part 10 of the Principal Determination).

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

Remuneration Tribunal
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