



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2021

REASONS FOR DETERMINATION

Legislative Framework

Sub-section 47(6) of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) requires the Tribunal to notify its reasons for each determination made in relation to members of Parliament to the Minister and to publish those reasons on the Tribunal's website.

What *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2021* does

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2021 (*Amendment Determination (No.1) 2021*) amends *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2021* which sets out remuneration and allowance provisions for members of Parliament, and allowance and expense provisions for former members of Parliament.

Amendment Determination (No.1) 2021 establishes a new definition of 'service' in the context of expenses payable to members of Parliament for internet and telephone services, in relation to his or her private residence or residences.

Amendment Determination (No.1) 2021 commences the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

The Tribunal's Reasons

The National Broadband Network has resulted in significant changes to the way in which telephony and internet services are provided.

Having regard to the changing technology, the Tribunal considered its determination should be amended to be more contemporary.

In coming to this conclusion, the Tribunal had regard to limitations experienced by members of Parliament under the current provisions, and consulted with the Minister for Finance, as the then Minister responsible for the PBR Act.

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

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