



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2022

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) 2022* does

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2022 (Amendment Determination (No.1) 2022) 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) 2022 amends the post-retirement travel provisions of the principal determination. It provides an additional return trip for former members who had three or more Commonwealth-funded electorate offices and provides the option for former members to use a private vehicle, and receive private vehicle allowance, instead of using scheduled commercial transport for post-retirement trips.

Amendment Determination (No.1) 2022 commences the day the Tribunal made this decision, 6 April 2022.

The Tribunal's Reasons

The Tribunal had regard to the situation faced by retiring members needing to vacate their Parliament House and electorate offices. The Tribunal considered it reasonable to provide retiring members of large electorates, who had three or more Commonwealth-funded electorate offices, with fares for up to four post-retirement return trips. The Tribunal also considered it reasonable to provide additional flexibility by allowing former members to use a private vehicle for these return trips should they so choose.

In coming to this conclusion, the Tribunal had regard to limitations of the current provisions, and consulted with Special Minister of State, as the Minister responsible for the PBR Act.

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

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9 May 2022