



Remuneration Tribunal

Parliamentary remuneration and expenses

STATEMENT

The remuneration and work expenses framework for parliamentarians, established by the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act) sets out several inquiry, reporting and determinative obligations on the Tribunal, which are to be completed at least once each year.

As detailed in its statement of 11 June 2026, the Tribunal has completed its inquiry into remuneration for public offices, including parliamentary base salary and related matters. The Tribunal decided not to determine an increase to parliamentary base salary at this time.

The Tribunal has also completed its inquiries in relation to the remaining remuneration matters for current members of Parliament, the allowances and expenses for former members and allowances to be paid to the estates of persons who die while a member, as set out in its Members of Parliament determination.

The Tribunal has concluded that no changes are necessary to the provisions for which it has responsibility at this time.

Review of Private Plated Vehicle arrangements

Over the next 12 months, the Tribunal will review the private plated vehicle arrangements for members of Parliament. This review will consider the operational requirements of parliamentarians, particularly those with accessibility needs, as well as evolving technologies, business practices and community expectations. The Tribunal welcomes submissions from interested parties on the content and operation of the relevant provisions of its Members of Parliament determination.

Inquiry into the relevant domestic travel matters

The Tribunal has also completed its inquiries into the relevant domestic travel matters prescribed in the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*.

The Tribunal gave further consideration to its January 2026 recommendations in relation to travel for parliamentarians' family members. It recommended that travel expenses for the spouse of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition for reunion travel between their home base and Canberra, to attend functions as an official invitee, and for engagements undertaken in their capacity as the spouse of the Prime Minister or Leader of the Opposition, remain uncapped.

Travel by the spouse to attend functions as an official invitee and for engagements undertaken in their capacity as the spouse of the Prime Minister or Leader of the Opposition cannot be used for party political functions or engagements. Such travel is to be undertaken in economy class unless accompanying the Prime Minister or the Leader of the Opposition.

As detailed in the PBR Regulations, family reunion travel can only be accessed where:

1. The member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business,
2. The family member travels to accompany or join the member, and
3. The travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.

Family reunion travel is to be undertaken in economy class.

As the PBR framework is principles-based, the Tribunal considers it a matter for parliamentarians to determine the appropriate amount of travel based on their personal circumstances, subject to any limits recommended by the Tribunal.

The Tribunal will review these matters, together with the broader parliamentary family travel settings, at its annual PBR inquiry in 2027 at the latest. In addition, the Tribunal continues to monitor travel expenses undertaken in line with the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2025.

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