



# Remuneration Tribunal

## Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2026

### 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) 2026 does

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.1) 2026 amends the principal determination, Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2024.

Schedule 1 establishes eligibility criteria, office holder's salary and an entitlement to a higher rate of travel allowance for the Leader of the third largest party in the House of Representatives. It provides that the Leader of the third largest party in the House of Representatives, who may sit in either House, is not entitled to office holder's salary if they are also in receipt of additional salary as a Minister of State. It also provides that a leader of a minority party is not also entitled to additional salary as the Leader of the third largest party in the House of Representatives.

The determination includes transitional provisions providing retrospective application of the decision on and from 21 May 2022.

#### The Tribunal's reasons

This decision restores access to office holder's salary and the higher rate of travel allowance for the Leader of the third largest party in the House of Representatives. This office was unintentionally removed as part of the transition to the Parliamentary Business Resources framework.

The office of Leader of the third largest party in the House of Representatives has traditionally received office holder's salary.

In 2025 it was identified that the interactions of the various Parliamentary Business Resources framework instruments resulted in the office being excluded from receiving office holder's salary, despite the Tribunal's intention for it to be remunerated.

The Tribunal's decision restores office holder's salary at the same rate that applied prior to the implementation of the Parliamentary Business Resources framework.

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