



## Remuneration Tribunal

### Review of Remuneration for Holders of Judicial and Related Offices

#### Statement

The Tribunal is commencing a review of the remuneration of offices covered by *Determination 2015/10: Judicial and Related Offices –Remuneration and Allowances*. The Tribunal has not conducted a comprehensive review of the judiciary for some years.

Offices in the Judicial and Related Offices jurisdiction include Judges and office holders in the High Court, the Federal Court, the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court. The jurisdiction also includes offices in a range of Tribunals and Commissions including the Copyright Tribunal; the Australian Competition Tribunal; the Australian Law Reform Commission; the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the National Native Title Tribunal.

In conducting the review the Tribunal will seek submissions from the Government; each court, tribunal and commission covered by the Determination; and other relevant bodies in State jurisdictions.

The Tribunal would also welcome submissions from other interested parties or persons in relation to the work value of offices covered by the Determination.

Submissions which are longer than a few pages should include an executive summary. Submissions may be made public, including the name of the person making the submission, but the contact details will not be published. All submissions to the Remuneration Tribunal are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, which may provide access for third parties to material lodged with the Tribunal in the course of this review.

Submissions may be emailed to: [enquiry@remtribunal.gov.au](mailto:enquiry@remtribunal.gov.au) or mailed to:

Remuneration Tribunal Secretariat  
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*Submissions are required by 30 November 2015.*

#### Background

In the course of the past 5 years, the Tribunal has concluded major reviews of certain important offices within its jurisdiction - including Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Specified Statutory Offices, full-time and part-time offices.

The Tribunal has been determining remuneration for a variety of full and part-time offices, including Judges, Court registrars, and a number of quasi-judicial and related offices, since its establishment in 1974.

The Tribunal is required by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, to 'inquire into and determine' remuneration of office holders. The Act also provides that the Tribunal 'may inform itself in any manner it sees fit'. The Act neither lists all the factors that the Tribunal shall take into account, nor limits those factors. Nor does it specify any particular process the Tribunal should observe.