



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2012/17 Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Public Office including Judicial and Related Offices

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the remuneration and significantly related matters for office holders, as it is empowered to do by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.
2. In making this determination the Tribunal has informed itself through consultation in accordance with established practice.
3. Any retrospective application of this determination is in accordance with subsection 12(2) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* as it does not affect the rights of a person (other than the Commonwealth or an authority of the Commonwealth) to that person's disadvantage, nor does it impose any liability on such a person.
4. This Determination is compatible with the human rights or freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*. This Determination does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

PART 1 – FULL-TIME OFFICES

5. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 12 of 2012) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
6. Clauses 1.2 to 1.3 increase remuneration for the office of Chief Executive Officer, National Water Commission. The date of effect is on and from 1 July 2012.
7. Clauses 1.4 and 1.5 reinstate Travel Tier 1 for the Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology. The date of effect is on and from 28 March 2012.
8. Clauses 1.6 to 1.8 remove all reference to additional remuneration and specific arrangements determined for the former President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Hon Catherine Branson.
9. Clause 1.9 removes a typographical error.
10. Clauses 1.10 to 1.12 set remuneration for the new offices of Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool and the Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Funding Body on and from 1 July 2012.
11. Clauses 1.13 to 1.15 set accommodation and reunion travel allowances for the incoming occupant Mr Ivor Frischknecht, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, from 6 August 2012 until cob 5 February 2013.
12. Clauses 1.16 and 1.17 remove all reference to accommodation and reunion travel allowances for the former Principal Member of the MRT/RRT, Mr D O'Brien

13. Clauses 1.18 to 1.20 set increased remuneration for the Commonwealth Financial Officer for Norfolk Island.
14. Clauses 1.21 and 1.22 provide that for the period of her appointment, the current Commonwealth Financial Officer for Norfolk Island, Ms Alison Savary, will be provided with one return economy class fare to her principal place of residence for herself and any immediate family members resident with her on Norfolk Island and will be entitled to an additional three days recreation leave per annum.
15. Clause 1.23 sets the base salary to 70% for the Chairperson, Commonwealth Grants Commission.

PART 2 – PART-TIME OFFICES

16. Clause 2.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 13 of 2012) for the purposes of Part 2 of the Determination.
17. Clause 2.2 deletes all reference to Clause A13 with respect to the Foreign Investment Review Board, as there is no office of Deputy Chair associated with this body.
18. Clause 2.3 deletes all reference to the Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation.
19. Clause 2.4 deletes all references to the ARC College of Experts. This body is no longer a designated committee.
20. Clause 2.5 deletes a reference to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) as this office was listed twice.
21. Clause 2.6 includes the Travel Tier 2 for the office which was omitted.
22. Clause 2.7 corrects reference to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority. The associated remuneration and entitlements have not been changed.
23. Clauses 2.8 to 2.10 set remuneration for the new office of Chair and Member of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, with effect on and from 1 July 2012.
24. Clause 2.11 sets specific remuneration for the Hon Michael Knight AO when attending Australian Hearing Services, Audit and Risk Committee meetings.
25. Clause 2.12 and 2.13 set new remuneration arrangements for the Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation with effect on and from 20 August 2012.

PART 3 – JUDICIAL AND RELATED OFFICES

26. Clause 3.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 9 of 2012) for the purposes of Part 3 of the Determination.
27. Clauses 3.2 and 3.3 amend remuneration for the Registrar of Military Justice from 1 July 2012.
28. Clause 3.4 adjusts remuneration for the Registrar of Military Justice (including under that office's previous title) for the period 1 October 2009 to 30 June 2012. This corrects an omission in the relevant 2009 Determination.

Authority: Subsections 7(3),7(4) and 7(4B) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.