

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2012/21 Members of Parliament – Entitlements

- 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.

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- 5. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 4 of 2012 as amended) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
- 6. Clause 1.2 changes the wording of paragraph (c) of clause 4.1 of the Principal Determination so that trips between Canberra and other capital cities and regional centres, not allowable under the previous wording, are now allowable.
- 7. Clauses 1.3 and 1.4 change the provisions for parking at a terminus (as defined). Senators and members will be able to claim reimbursement for parking up to a specified maximum amount if they park a car at a terminus from which they take approved commercial travel.

Authority: Sub-sections 7(1), 7(2) and 7(4) of the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973