



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2014/08 Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the remuneration paid to the holders of public office as required under sub-section 7(3) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*. The Tribunal has determined that there will be no general adjustment to the remuneration of public offices in its jurisdiction from 1 July 2014.
2. Whilst this Determination does not provide for an annual adjustment it does fulfil the obligation under sub-section 8(1) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* for the Remuneration Tribunal to issue a determination at an interval of no more than a year.
3. In undertaking its inquiry and making this Determination the Tribunal has informed itself through consultation in accordance with established practice.

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PART 1 – GENERAL

4. Part 1 specifies the authority for and the date of effect of the Determination and revokes and supersedes the previous principal Determination 2014/03 (as amended) applying to the Offices covered by this Determination. This Part also sets out the structure of the Determination and contains definitions of certain words used in the Determination.
5. The provisions in Part 1 are unchanged from those contained in Part 1 of the previous Determination.

PART 2 – FEES

6. Part 2 and the related Schedules set out the fees for part-time public offices, including those not specified in the Determination. With effect from 1 July 2014 only one rate has been determined where an office is not specified in the schedules to Determination 2014/08. This was foreshadowed in the *Remuneration of Public Offices Part-time Offices Report* (released by the Remuneration Tribunal in October 2013).

PART 3 – CONDITIONS OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL

7. Part 3 sets out the entitlements for official travel which are contained in Determination 2013/16 (as amended). The provisions of this Part remain unchanged from those contained in Determination 2013/16, except that references have been inserted to any Determination that may supersede Determination 2013/16.

SCHEDULE A – ANNUAL FEES

8. Schedule A sets out the conditions of payment for annual fees and specifies the offices covered by the Schedule.
9. Offices associated with the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation, Wine Australia Corporation and the Sugar Research and Development Corporation have been deleted from the Determination. These bodies have been abolished.

SCHEDULE B – DAILY FEES

10. Schedule B sets out the conditions of payment for daily fees on a meeting day and non-meeting day and specifies the offices covered by the Schedule.
11. Following decisions of the Remuneration Tribunal on 12 May 2014, offices associated with the following bodies have been added to the Determination: Prime Ministerial Advisory Council on Veterans' Mental Health (with effect from 24 April 2014) and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Ethics Committee (with effect from 15 April 2014). These offices are new to the Remuneration Tribunal's jurisdiction.
12. Offices associated with the National Housing Supply Council and the Wine Australia Corporation Selection Committee have been deleted from the Determination. These bodies have been abolished.

SCHEDULE C – ANNUAL MEETING AND ADDITIONAL DAILY FEES

13. Schedule C sets out the conditions of payment for the annual meeting fee and additional daily fees. It also specifies the offices covered by the Schedule.
14. The provisions in Schedule C are unchanged from those contained in Schedule C of the previous Determination.

SCHEDULE D – BASE FEE AND MEETING FEE

15. Schedule D sets out the conditions of payment for the base (annual) fee and meeting (daily) fee. It also specifies the offices covered by the Schedule.
16. The provisions in Schedule D are unchanged from those contained in Schedule D of the previous Determination.

SCHEDULE E – ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL FEES

17. Schedule E sets out the conditions of payment for fees to the Aboriginal Land Councils.
18. The provisions in Schedule E are unchanged from those contained in Schedule E of the previous Determination.

Authority: Sub-sections 7(3) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*

Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011

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This Legislative Instrument is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

Overview of the Legislative Instrument

The Legislative Instrument, or Determination, does not provide a general adjustment for part-time holders of public office.

It does fulfil the requirement, under sub-section 8(1) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, for the Remuneration Tribunal to make a determination concerning remuneration at an interval of no more than 12 months. The Determination supersedes the previous Determination (2014/03) with effect from 1 July 2014, unless otherwise prescribed in the Determination.

The Determination follows a general review of the remuneration (and significantly related matters) of the Part-Time Public Offices carried out by the Tribunal in compliance with sub-section 7(3) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

The instrument maintains the principle of fair, and current, remuneration for work performed.

Human rights implications

This Legislative Instrument does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

Conclusion

This Legislative Instrument is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.

The Remuneration Tribunal