



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2015/08

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 Act). This determination follows the Tribunal's decision of 30 March 2015 to defer a decision on any remuneration increase for all offices within its jurisdiction.
2. This determination replaces in full Determination 2014/08. The fees specified in this determination, apart from one office, are unchanged from the figures in the superseded determination.
3. This determination fulfils the obligation under sub-section 8(1) of the Act for the Remuneration Tribunal to issue a determination at an interval of no more than a year. The date of effect of this determination is 11 May 2015.
4. 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

5. Part 1 specifies the authority for and the date of effect of the Determination and supersedes and revokes the previous principal Determination 2014/08 (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.
6. The provisions in Part 1 are unchanged from those contained in Part 1 of the previous determination.

PART 2 – FEES

7. Part 2 and the related Schedules set out the fees for part-time public offices, including those not specified in the Determination.
8. The provisions in Part 2 are unchanged from those contained in Part 2 of the previous determination.

PART 3 – CONDITIONS OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL

9. Part 3 sets out the entitlements for official travel which are contained in Determination 2013/16 (as amended).
10. The provisions in Part 3 remain unchanged from those contained in Part 3 of the previous determination.

SCHEDULE A – ANNUAL FEES

11. Schedule A sets out the conditions of payment for annual fees and specifies the offices covered by the Schedule.
12. An annual fee has been included for the Chair of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council, which was previously remunerated by a daily fee. There are no other changes to remuneration levels for offices specified in this Schedule from those contained in Schedule A of the previous determination.
13. Other changes in the Determination, compared to the superseded determination, include removing a clause relating to the Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency and other clauses that no longer have effect which has resulted in some renumbering of clauses throughout the Schedule.

SCHEDULE B – DAILY FEES

14. 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.
15. Changes to this Schedule include removing the reference to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality Council listed in Table B4 as this council has ceased operation, and deletion of the daily fee for the Chair of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council. Other than these changes, the provisions in Schedule B are unchanged from those contained in Schedule B of the previous determination.

SCHEDULE C – ANNUAL MEETING AND ADDITIONAL DAILY FEES

16. 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.
17. The provisions in Schedule C are unchanged from those contained in Schedule C of the previous determination.

SCHEDULE D – BASE FEE AND MEETING FEE

18. 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.
19. The provisions in Schedule D are unchanged from those contained in Schedule D of the previous determination.

SCHEDULE E – ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCILS FEES

20. Schedule E sets out the conditions of payment for fees to the Aboriginal Land Councils.
21. 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, supersedes and revokes the previous *Determination 2014/08 – Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Full-Time Public Office* (as amended).

It fulfils the requirement, under sub-section 8(1) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* (the Act) for the Remuneration Tribunal to make a determination concerning remuneration for related office holders. The previous Determination was made on 14 May 2014 and came into effect on 1 July 2014.

The Determination, which comes into effect on 11 May 2015, does not make any changes to remuneration – or other conditions – of the relevant office holders other than a change to the remuneration method for one office (from a daily fee to an annual fee).

The Determination follows the Tribunal's decision of 30 March 2015 to defer a decision on any remuneration increase for all offices within its jurisdiction, including part-time offices, until the second half of the calendar year.

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.

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