



# **Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Presiding Officer and Parliamentary Delegation Travel) Regulations 2017**

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I, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 09 February 2017

Peter Cosgrove  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Scott Ryan  
Special Minister of State

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Presiding Officer and Parliamentary Delegation Travel) Regulations 2017*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	11 February 2017

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*.

## 4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations 1997*

#### 1 After Part 3

Insert:

### Part 4—Transitional provisions

#### 19 Definitions

In this Part:

*amending regulations* means the *Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Presiding Officer and Parliamentary Delegation Travel) Regulations 2017*.

#### 20 Overseas travel by a Parliamentary Delegation

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), item [105B] of Schedule 1 applies in relation to travel on or after the commencement of the amending regulations.
- (2) Item [105B] of Schedule 1 does not apply in relation to travel approved by the Prime Minister before the commencement of the amending regulations.

#### 21 Overseas travel by a Presiding Officer

- (1) The amendments of item [206] of Schedule 1 made by the amending regulations apply in relation to travel on or after the commencement of the amending regulations.
- (2) Subitems 2(2A) and (2B) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Act as varied by these Regulations each have effect, in relation to the financial year beginning on 1 July 2016, as if the reference in that subitem to \$250,000 were a reference to the amount equal to \$125,000 reduced by the total amount of the benefits referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subitem for travel in the transitional period.
- (3) For the purposes of subregulation (2), the *transitional period* is the period starting on 1 January 2017 and ending on the day before the commencement of the amending regulations.

#### 22 Repeal of this Part

This Part is repealed at the start of 1 July 2017.

#### 2 After item [105A] of Schedule 1

Insert:

#### **[105B] Subitem 9(1)**

*omit the first occurrence of*  
Prime Minister

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*substitute*

Presiding Officers

**3 Item [206] of Schedule 1 (subitem 2(1))**

Omit “travelling on an itinerary approved by the Prime Minister”.

**4 Item [206] of Schedule 1 (paragraph 2(1)(d))**

Omit “, and the Prime Minister so approves”.

**5 Item [206] of Schedule 1 (subitem 2(2))**

Omit “Prime Minister”, substitute “Presiding Officer”.

**6 Item [206] of Schedule 1 (after subitem 2(2))**

Insert:

- (2A) If the total amount of the following benefits for travel in a financial year exceed \$250,000:
- (a) benefits under this item for any President of the Senate or a member representing any President of the Senate;
  - (b) benefits under item 3 for a spouse of any President of the Senate;
- a President of the Senate or a member representing a President of the Senate is not entitled to further benefits under this item for travel in the financial year without the approval of the Prime Minister.
- (2B) If the total amount of the following benefits for travel in a financial year exceed \$250,000:
- (a) benefits under this item for any Speaker of the House of Representatives or a member representing any Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (b) benefits under item 3 for a spouse of any Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- a Speaker of the House of Representatives or a member representing a Speaker of the House of Representatives is not entitled to further benefits under this item for travel in the financial year without the approval of the Prime Minister.
- (2C) If a Presiding Officer or a member representing a Presiding Officer requires approval for travel under subitem (2A) or (2B), the Presiding Officer or member must not be accompanied for the travel by a second staff member as referred to in paragraph (1)(d) without the approval of the Prime Minister.
- (2D) For the purposes of this item, travel on an itinerary that starts in a financial year and ends in the next financial year is taken to be travel in the first-mentioned financial year.