



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2017/24 Parliamentary Retirement Travel

1. The determination is made under subsection 30(1A) of the *Parliamentary Retirement Travel Act 2002* (the **PRT Act**) which gives the Remuneration Tribunal (the **Tribunal**) power to determine the qualifying periods for Parliamentary Retirement Travel.
2. Before the commencement of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the **PBR Act**), the Tribunal was given power to make determinations in relation to the remuneration and allowances of members of the Parliament and the allowances and expenses of former members by the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*. The Parliamentary Retirement Travel qualifying periods determined by the Tribunal in accordance with the PRT Act were included, in Part 8, of *Determination 2017/13* (the **former determination**) made under the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.
3. In consequence of the commencement of the PBR Act, this determination, in practical terms, replaces the provisions of Part 8 of the former determination.

Consultation

4. The effect of the determination is different from that of the former determination only in minor ways.
5. Changes were made to improve clarity and readability, and were sufficiently minor to be made without formal consultation.

Details of the determination are as follows:

6. The determination deals with the periods to be served by members of the Parliament, who have served as Prime Ministers, in order to qualify for Parliamentary Retirement Travel upon retirement from the Parliament.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

7. Part 1 specifies the authority for and the date of effect of the determination.

PART 2 – PARLIAMENTARY RETIREMENT TRAVEL

8. Part 2 sets out the qualifying periods for Parliamentary Retirement Travel.
9. Clause 2.1 specifies the periods to be served by a member to qualify for Parliamentary Retirement Travel.
10. Clause 2.2 specifies that a period of service may be continuous or broken.
11. Clause 2.3 specifies that any period served by a member as Prime Minister will be trebled for the purpose of calculating the member's period of service.