

Determination 2006/10 Statement on 2006 Review of Judicial and Related Offices' Remuneration

- 1. Pursuant to sub-sections 7(3) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* (the Act), the Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) is empowered to inquire into and determine remuneration to be paid to judicial and related (non-judicial) offices and matters related significantly thereto. Determination 2006/10 is the Tribunal's principal determination for judicial and related offices' remuneration and significantly related matters.
- 2. The President of the Tribunal wrote to all relevant parties inviting submissions to the Tribunal's 2006 annual review of judicial and related offices' remuneration. The Tribunal appreciated submissions received. They were all taken into account in framing the Tribunal's decisions.
- 3. The Tribunal has determined a 4.4 per cent increase for judicial and related offices as part of the 2006 annual review, with effect on and from 1 July 2006. In undertaking the annual review of these offices and deciding on an appropriate adjustment, the Tribunal took into account a range of factors.
- 4. The Tribunal considers that the increase is necessary to ensure that longer term recruitment and retention difficulties do not arise for the offices in the Tribunal's jurisdiction. Such difficulties could occur if increases granted do not have a degree of alignment with similar positions in the public and private sector.
- 5. In addition to the general increases in remuneration, the Tribunal has increased a number of allowances and entitlements payable under the determination. The Determination's Explanatory Statement outlines these changes and how the increases were derived.
- 6. The Tribunal continues to consider a number of issues raised during the 2006 review and intends to finalise all considerations, by further determinations if necessary, in the near future.

More Information

7. The Determination will be tabled in Parliament, as required by the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. It will also be made available on the Tribunal's website at www.remtribunal.gov.au.

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