



Remuneration Tribunal

Determination 2012/02 – Members of Parliament – Base Salary and Related Matters

REASONS FOR DETERMINATION

Legislative Framework

Section 7A of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* (the Act) requires the Tribunal to notify its reasons for each determination made in relation to members of the Parliament of Australia to the Minister and to publish those reasons on the Tribunal's website.

What Determination 2012/02 Does

Following the amendment of the Act by the *Remuneration and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2011* (the 2011 Act), the Tribunal had the power restored to it to determine the base salary for members of the Parliament of Australia; and was given the new power to determine a portion of that base salary which was not salary for superannuation purposes for parliamentarians covered by the *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948*.

Determination 2012/02 sets the base salary at \$185,000 per annum and the portion at \$38,620.

The Tribunal's Reasons

The Tribunal published a report on 15 December 2011 entitled *Review of the Remuneration of Members of Parliament – Initial Report*, which is available at:

<http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/statementsreports/MPs%20Report%2015.12.2011.pdf>

The Tribunal's current decisions were foreshadowed, and the reasons for those decisions were set out fully, in that Report. In this context, chapters 4 'Parliamentary Base Salary, and 6 'Superannuation', are particularly relevant.