

## Determination 2014/23: Members of Parliament – Entitlements

- (i) Pursuant to subsections 7(1), 7(2) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act* 1973, the Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the remuneration and allowances to be paid to members of parliament, and other matters significantly related thereto, and determines as set out below.
- (ii) This Determination takes effect on and from the day following the day it is registered in the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments unless otherwise specified.

## **PART 1 - ENTITLEMENTS**

- 1.1 In this part, Determination Number 04 of 2012 (as amended) is referred to as the Principal Determination.
- 1.2 Clause 1.4 of Part 1 of the Principal Determination is amended by removing the following words in the definition 'accompany': "and departing no more than 24 hours after the senator or member departs".
- 1.3 Clause 1.4 of Part 1 of the Principal Determination is amended by removing the following words in the definition 'join': "with the person joining the senator or member arriving no more than 24 hours before the senator or member arrives, and departing no more than 24 hours after the senator or member departs".
- 1.4 Clause 1.4 of Part 1 of the Principal Determination is amended by inserting the following definition after the definition 'nominee' as follows:

## 'sitting week' means

- (a) for a senator, a week in which the Senate is sitting or Senate Estimates hearings take place; and
- (b) for a member, a week in which the House of Representatives is sitting.
- 1.5 Clause 3.8 of Part 3 of the Principal Determination is amended by replacing the numbers 3.9, 3.10 and 3.19 with "3.9 to 3.21".
- Part 3 of the Principal Determination is amended by adding new clauses 3.9 and 3.10 and renumbering the existing clauses 3.9 to 3.19 to 3.11 to 3.21 and updating any additional cross referencing in these clauses.
  - **3.9** Where on any leg of the journey the member or senator is not accompanied to and/or from the final destination by a person specified in clause 3.8, that person must:
    - (a) arrive no more than 24 hours before the senator or member arrives; and/or
    - (b) depart no more than 24 hours after the senator or member departs.

- **3.10** Notwithstanding clause 3.9 for travel where the final destination is Canberra, an entitlement exists for a senator or member under clause 3.8 in respect of a person specified in that clause where they:
  - accompany or join a senator or member and remain in Canberra without the senator or member between adjoining sitting weeks, provided the senator or member returns to Canberra for the second sitting week;
  - (b) accompany or join a Presiding Officer (including a Deputy Presiding Officer) and remain in Canberra at any time that the Presiding Officer is temporarily absent from Canberra on parliamentary or official business related to the office.
- **1.7** Clauses 1.2 to 1.6 take effect on and from 1 January 2015.

Signed on this b day of December 2014.

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