



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Travel and Motor Vehicle Allowance Rates for Public Office Holders and Parliamentarians STATEMENT

The Remuneration Tribunal has reviewed and updated the domestic travel and related allowance amounts for offices within its jurisdiction, including for judicial offices and parliamentarians. In most cases the rates have increased slightly. The new rates will take effect on 25 August 2019.

The new travel allowance rates for office holders will be set out in *Remuneration Tribunal (Official Travel) Determination 2019*. The new rates for parliamentarians will be included in *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2019*.

As in previous years, the travel allowance rates closely reflect the amounts determined each year by the Australian Taxation Office as reasonable travel expense amounts (see *Taxation Determination 2019/11: Income tax: what are the reasonable travel and overtime meal allowance expense amounts for the 2019–20 income year?*).

Motor vehicle allowances have not increased and will, consistent with the ATO's car expenses cents per kilometre rate, remain at 68 cents per kilometre.

The annual Canberra Allowance which is paid in lieu of travel allowance to certain Justices of the High Court has been increased to \$37,760 in line with the modest increase in the travel allowance rate for Canberra. The new Canberra Allowance rate will be included in *Remuneration Tribunal (Judicial and Related Offices – Remuneration and Allowances) Determination 2019*. The annual private vehicle running costs reimbursement cap for judges remains at its present rate, \$11,165.

For further information about the changes to *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2019* see *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination 2019* and its accompanying Reasons for Determination statement.

The Tribunal's determinations and statements will be available on its website <http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/> once they are registered.

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