



## REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

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

### Decision

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. The new rates will take effect on 28 August 2022.

### Overview

The Tribunal last adjusted the travel allowance rates for offices in its jurisdiction in August 2019.

Conscious that the Australian economy faced unprecedented challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribunal decided not to make any adjustments to these allowance rates in 2020 and 2021. These decisions were consistent with the Tribunal's decision not to determine remuneration increases for the public offices in its jurisdiction.

In June 2022, the Tribunal decided to increase remuneration by 2.75 per cent for public offices in its jurisdiction from 1 July 2022.

As in previous years, the Tribunal had regard for the amounts the Australian Taxation Office considers as reasonable travel expense amounts (see *Taxation Determination 2022/10: Income tax: what are the reasonable travel and overtime meal allowance expense rates for the 2022-23 income year?*). The amounts determined by the ATO represent modest changes.

The decision to update the domestic travel and related allowance rates, restores the historical alignment between the Tribunal's determination and the ATO's determination after two years of no change.

The new travel allowance rates for office holders will be set out in *Remuneration Tribunal (Official Travel) Determination 2022*. The new rates for parliamentarians will be included in *Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2022*.

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

### **Remuneration Tribunal**

12 August 2022

### **Enquiries**

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