



Remuneration Tribunal

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.2) 2024

REASONS FOR DETERMINATION

Legislative Framework

Sub-section 47(6) of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) requires the Tribunal to notify its reasons for each determination made in relation to members of Parliament to the Minister and to publish those reasons on the Tribunal's website.

What Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.2) 2024 does

Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No.2) 2024 amends the principal determination, Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Determination 2024.

Schedule 1 establishes an allowance to be paid to the estate of a member who dies in office and amends Schedule A to correct the name of the House of Representatives Standing Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests.

The Tribunal has determined the allowance payable on the death of a member will be calculated at 2 weeks of base salary for every year of continuous membership of Parliament to a maximum of 26 weeks.

The determination takes effect from the day after the determination is registered.

The Tribunal's Reasons

Deceased member allowance

The PBR Act was amended in May 2024 to confer additional annual inquiry obligations on the Tribunal in respect of allowances payable on the death of a member. The Tribunal had regard to the principle that any such allowances were to be paid in recognition that allowances under subsection 15(1) of the PBR Act (those payable to certain former members) are not payable to a person who dies while a member.

In determining the allowance, the Tribunal considered a range of factors, including recognition of a parliamentarian's term of service, that benefits available to former members cannot be paid to a bereaved family, and that unlike most Australian workers, parliamentarians do not accrue leave during their time in Parliament.

Committee name

It was brought to the Tribunal's attention that Schedule A of the determination referred incorrectly to the 'House of Representatives Standing Committee on Privileges' and the 'House of Representatives Committee of Members' Interests' but should instead refer only to the 'House of Representatives Standing Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests'. This determination corrects that error.

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