Explanatory Statement: Determination 2008/02
Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the
remuneration and significantly related matters for office holders, as it is
empowered to do by the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973.

2. In making this determination the Tribunal has informed itself through
consultation in accordance with established practice.

3. Any retrospective application of this determination is in accordance with
subsection 12(2) of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003 as it does not
affect the rights of a person (other than the Commonwealth or an
authority of the Commonwealth) to that person’s disadvantage, nor does it
impose any liability on such a person.

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4. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 15 of 2007) for
the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.

5. Clause 1.2 inserts a clause in the Principal Determination providing
additional access to travelling allowance for the Chief Whips of the
Government and Opposition in the House of Representatives, when their
duties in those positions cause them to travel away from their home base
and away from Canberra. A maximum entitlement of ten nights up to 30
June 2008 is provided; further entitlement, if any, will be the subject of
later determination.

6. Clause 1.3 specifies the date of effect of clause 1.2 as the date on which
the Determination is made.

Authority: Sub-sections 7(1), 7(2) and 7(4) of