Explanatory Statement: Determination 2008/19
Parliamentary Office Holders – Additional Salary

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the additional salary for parliamentary office holders, as it is empowered to do by the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973 (the Act). In making this determination the Tribunal has informed itself through consultation in accordance with established practice.

PART 1 – GENERAL

2. Clause 1.1 specifies the authority for the determination and administration matters.

3. Clause 1.2 sets the date of effect for this determination and revokes Determination 2007/17 in full.

PART 2 – ADDITIONAL SALARY AND RELATED MATTERS

4. Clause 2.1 outlines how to determine the basic salary for the purposes of this Determination.

5. Clause 2.2 provides that the additional salary to be paid to parliamentary office holders is specified in Table 1 of the determination.

6. Clause 2.3 specifies how authorities are to administer payment of the additional salary.

7. Clause 2.4 defines the term ‘member of Parliament’ as it is used in the Determination, to distinguish it from expressions signifying membership of one House or the other.

8. Table 1 has had certain entries included which make them entries of generic application. Previous entries setting similar additional salary, but which contained explicit or implicit references to a specific political party, have been removed.
9. An entry for Deputy Whip of a party of limited numbers in the House of Representatives, with additional remuneration of 2%, has been included.

Authority: Sub-section 7(1) of the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973