Explanatory Statement: Determination 2009/06
Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance and Entitlements

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the remuneration and significantly related matters for office holders and members of Parliament, 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.

PART 1 – TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

4. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 15 of 2008) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.

5. Clause 1.2 clarifies that an electorate that includes an external territory does not have additional entitlements under clause 2.13.2 of the Principal Determination in relation to that external territory.

6. Clause 1.3 provides additional travel entitlements for the Member for Bowman when conducting electorate business on North Stradbroke Island, in recognition of transport issues involved in servicing that part of the electorate.
PART 2 – ENTITLEMENTS

7. Clause 2.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 18 of 2006 as amended) for the purposes of Part 2 of the Determination.

8. Clause 2.2 amends a cross-reference in clause 4.3 of the Principal Determination.

9. Clause 2.3 provides senators or members, who already have an entitlement to car transport under clause 3.10 of the Principal Determination, with the alternative of car parking at government expense where they choose to use their own vehicle, and where it is cost effective to do so.

Authority: Sub-sections 7(1), and 7(4) of the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973.