



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2011/20 **Members of Parliament - Entitlements**

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the remuneration and significantly related matters for members of parliament and public 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 18 of 2006 as amended) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
5. Clauses 1.2 and 1.3 increase the maximum amount of charter allowance available per year to eligible senators and members, with effect on and from 1 July 2011.
6. Clause 1.4 adjusts the Resettlement Allowance. The basic payment will be three months' pay, rather than 12 weeks. In addition, a member or senator who has served more than one term in the Parliament, and who is entitled to the basic Resettlement Allowance, will be entitled to an additional three months' pay.

Authority: Sub-sections 7(1), 7(2), and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.