



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Explanatory Statement: Determination 2014/23: Members of Parliament - Entitlements

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into and determined the remuneration and significantly related matters for 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 – ENTITLEMENTS

4. Clause 1.1 specifies the Principal Determination (Number 04 of 2012 as amended) for the purposes of Part 1 of the Determination.
5. Clauses 1.2 and 1.3 clarify the definition of accompany and join in the Determination.
6. Clause 1.4 defines a sitting week for a member and senator.
7. Clause 1.5 amends a cross reference to a clause.
8. Clause 1.6 provides for a person under the family reunion provision to remain in Canberra without the parliamentarian for the period between adjoining sitting weeks, as long as the parliamentarian returns to Canberra, and where a Presiding Officer is absent from Canberra on parliamentary or official business related to the office, that a person utilising the family reunion provisions may remain in the Canberra without the Presiding Officer.
9. Clause 1.7 sets the date of effect of Clauses 1.2 to 1.6.

Authority: Subsections 7(1), 7(2) and 7(4) of the
Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973.