



Media Fact Sheet

Parliamentarians' Entitlements



About

The Department of Finance administers a number of entitlements provided to Senators, Members of Parliament and their employees.

Entitlements Legislation

The Acts of Parliament, related Regulations and Determinations of the Remuneration Tribunal establish the framework of entitlements of current and former Senators, Members of Parliament and their employees.

Information on [entitlements legislation](#) is available on the Department of Finance website.

Senators and Members' Entitlements

Senators and Members are provided with a range of entitlements under various pieces of legislation, including accommodation and office facilities, travel and employees.

These entitlements are provided to Senators and Members to facilitate the conduct of their duties and responsibilities as elected representatives of the Australian public.

Entitlements Summaries

Summaries of entitlements are provided to federal parliamentarians under the parliamentary entitlements framework. Summaries of entitlements can be found at:

- [Senators and Members' entitlements](#)
- [Ministers of State entitlements](#)
- [Parliamentary Secretaries' entitlements](#)

Entitlements Handbook

The *Senators and Members' Entitlements Handbook* contains information on all parliamentary entitlements provided to Senators and Members of the Parliament of Australia.

Six Monthly Entitlements Expenditure Reports

[Expenditure by parliamentarians' on entitlements](#) paid by the Department of Finance is reported every six months.

These reports are published on the Department of Finance website.

Travel Entitlements

Senators and Members are entitled to travel within Australia at Australian Government expense for certain purposes.

Senators and Members are responsible for ensuring that any travel at Australian Government expense is undertaken in accordance with their entitlements, i.e. in most circumstances only for Parliamentary, electorate or official business, but not party business. More information can be found below:

- [Senators and Members' travel entitlements](#)
- [Post Retirement Travel information](#)
- [Severance Travel information](#)
- [Life Gold Pass information](#)

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 Employees

Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff

The [statement of standards](#) for Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 employees applies only to Ministerial staff and can be found on the Special Minister of State's website.



Did you know

Misuse of Entitlements

There is an established protocol for handling any allegation of misuse of entitlements by Senators and Members or their employees. Under this protocol, when an allegation is raised or possible use outside entitlement becomes known, the Department of Finance undertakes a preliminary assessment to ascertain whether the allegations are credible.

The [protocol](#) can be found on the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services website.

If the matter is relatively minor the Department may then recommend that the Special Minister of State write to the Senator or Member and/or the staff member concerned seeking his or her comments on the matter.

More serious matters may be referred to the Australian Federal Police.



Other useful links

- [Members of Parliament \(Staff\) Act Annual Reports](#)
- [Details of staff numbers and personal classifications](#)
- [Enterprise Agreement 2012 - 2015](#)
- [Superannuation for Commonwealth employees and appointees fact sheet](#)
- [Remuneration Tribunal](#)