Date Introduced: 24 August 1984
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator Harradine

Purpose

To amend the Remuneration and Allowances Act 1973 in order to prevent Members of Parliament from using entitlements for overseas study travel for their de facto spouses.

Background

Determination No. 18 of 1984 of the Remuneration Tribunal (29 June 1984) provides for the entitlements of Members of Parliament. Included in these, is an entitlement for overseas study travel provided that the Senator or Member has completed three years' Parliamentary service. An amount, equivalent to a round-world first class air fare, is credited to the Parliamentarian who may use it also for the fares, accommodation and subsistence costs of an accompanying spouse or nominee. For the purpose of this entitlement, 'nominee' is defined as "a person with whom the senator or member has established a bona fide stable domestic relationship" (paragraph 9.2(iv) of Determination No. 18).

Main Provisions

By clause 2, the Bill will come into operation on the date of Royal Assent.

Clause 3 substitutes paragraph 9.2 of the Determination No. 18 of 1984 of the Remuneration Tribunal with another paragraph in which the definition of 'nominee' and any references to 'nominee' have been deleted.

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