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In 1988, the *independent* Salaries and Allowances Tribunal established by Parliament introduced an Allowance, called the Jurisprudential Expense Allowance, to enable Judges “to familiarise themselves with current developments in jurisprudence and judicial practice in a rapidly changing world without the pressure of the normal workload”. The Tribunal considered that “some part of the expenses of such ongoing familiarisation program should be met by the State”.

However, with effect from 1993 the Tribunal has viewed the allowance “as part of the total income of Queensland Judges”. Consequently, it has reduced judicial salaries (compared to other jurisdictions) by the amount of the Allowance and permitted judges to take the allowance as salary. As the Allowance is in the nature of a salary sacrifice, it is not correct to view it as “taxpayers’ money”.

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Overseas travel by Judges is generally undertaken pursuant to the Jurisprudential Expense Allowance. Judges may also fund it from an Expense of Office Allowance granted by the Tribunal, although this allowance is also used for such expenses as library books and the purchase, maintenance and insurance of judicial regalia.

The Chief Justice, the President of the Court of Appeal, and the original Judges of the Court of Appeal are also entitled to first-class travel overseas once per year.

The various allowances are only payable for expenses actually incurred for the purposes of the allowance. These expenses may include the travel costs of a Judge’s spouse.

Drawings on allowances are administered by Court Administration.

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The following table shows the amounts paid or reimbursed between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2002, even though the travel may have been undertaken earlier or later.

All Supreme Court Judges have agreed to the inclusion of their overseas travel expenditure on the webpage.

The table includes those District Court Judges who have authorised details of their overseas travel for publication on the webpage.

JUDICIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL 2002-2003

Name of Judge	Countries Visited	Purpose of Visit	Period of Travel	Cost
The Honourable Justice Brian W AMBROSE	Canada (Vancouver), USA (Providence)	Federation of Law Societies of Canada Criminal Law Programme Conference, Vancouver 7-11 July 2003 and Spencer-Grimes Appellate Judges Seminar, American Bar Association 24-27 July 2003.	July 2003	16,480.47
The Honourable Justice Roslyn G ATKINSON	UK (Edinburgh-Scotland), France (Paris)	Law Commission and Judicial Studies Board in London and conferences in Edinburgh, 27-29 June 2002 and Paris, 7-10 July 2002.	June-July 2002	26,653.19
His Honour Judge Hugh W H BOTTING	UK (Edinburgh-Scotland), France (Paris), Japan (Tokyo)	Inaugural World Congress of Barristers and Advocates, Edinburgh, 27-29 June 2002, Fifth Europe-Asia Conference, Lake Como, Italy 30 June - 6 July 2002, Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002 and meetings with Judicial officers and visiting Japanese Courts, Japan, August 2002.	June-August 2002	7,000.00
The Honourable Justice John H BYRNE	UK (London)	Discussed alternative dispute resolution initiatives in London, October 2002.	October 2002	8,157.08
The Honourable Justice Richard N CHESTERMAN	France (Paris)	Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002.	July 2002	7,959.72
The Honourable Justice Keiran A CULLINANE	France (Paris), Italy (Verona, Reveretto), The Hague	Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002, observed court proceedings in the International Court of Justice, Peace Palace, and International War Crimes Tribunal, The Hague and attended court proceedings in Verona and Reveretto where discussions were held with members of the Italian judiciaries and legal profession.	July-August 2002	16,882.96
The Honourable Justice Geoffrey L DAVIES	Italy (Prato, Florence)	Deliver lectures and seminars at Monash Law in Europe, Prato Centre, Prato 14-16 May 2002 and attended 19th International Financial Law Conference, Florence 22-24 May 2002 - refund of overpayment of travel allowance due to change in travel allowance rates.	May 2002	(122.93)
The Honourable Justice Geoffrey L DAVIES	UK (Coventry, London, Cambridge), Italy (Rome)	Meeting with Director of Judicial Studies Board, London, 8 April; attended Crown Court Continuation Seminar, Coventry, 8-10 April; attended Insurance Law Conference, Cambridge, 10-11 April; attended International Bar Association Conference, Rome 27-29 April 2003.	April - May 2003	35,565.41
The Honourable Chief Justice Paul DE JERSEY	Italy (Rome, Naples, Florence), UK (London)	Professional discussions with various officials regarding court security issues, drug rehabilitation centres, Italian drug policy, visit to West London Magistrates Court regarding that court's drug initiatives and discussions with other officials regarding Court security issues. - refund of deposit paid for London accommodation.	January 2002	(1,150.41)
The Honourable Chief Justice Paul DE JERSEY	UK (London)	Professional discussions with various officials regarding expert rules models, rare legal books and their preservation, sat on various court hearings at the Royal Courts of Justice and Old Bailey.	January 2003	21,560.76
The Honourable Chief Justice Paul DE JERSEY	UK (London), USA (New York, Indiana, Chicago)	Various professional discussions with judicial officers, court officials regarding security issues, court funding, jury reforms, London October 2002 and Judge in Residence at Law School, University of Indiana October 2002.	October 2002	38,486.28

The Honourable Chief Justice Paul DE JERSEY	Italy (Praiano)	Europe Asia Legal Conference, Praiano 29 June - 5 July 2003.	June - July 2003	28,104.32
Her Honour Judge Julie M DICK	UK (Edinburgh - Scotland), France (Paris)	Inaugural World Congress of Barristers and Advocates, Edinburgh, 27-29 June 2002, arranged meetings and held discussions with judicial officers of various Courts within Ireland, 30 June 2002 and attended the Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002.	June-July 2002	4,499.13
His Honour Judge Keith S DODDS	South Africa (Durban)	International Bar Association Conference, Durban 20-25 October 2002.	October 2002	9,425.74
His Honour Judge Keith S DODDS	Belgium (Brussels), Greece (Rhodes)	International Bar Association Conference, Brussels 23-26 May 2003 and 9th Greek/Australian International Legal and Medical Law Conference, Rhodes 1-6 June 2003.	May - June 2003	14,667.21
The Honourable Justice Peter R DUTNEY	Canada (Vancouver)	Held discussions and attended meetings with various judicial officers within the Canadian Court system in Vancouver and Calgary.	August 2002	10,114.48
His Honour Judge Robert D HALL	UK (Glasgow - Scotland), Italy (Lake Como)	Second International Sentencing Conference, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, 27-29 June 2002 and 4th Europe-Asia Legal Conference, Lake Como, Italy 30 June - 6 July 2002.	June-July 2002	4,658.22
His Honour Brian C HOATH	South Africa (Durban)	International Bar Association Conference, Durban 20-25 October 2002.	October 2002	10,348.44
The Honourable Justice Catherine E HOLMES	France (Paris)	Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002.	July 2002	13,527.02
The Honourable Justice Stanley G JONES	Italy (Lake Como), France (Paris)	4th Europe -Asia Legal Conference, Lake Como, Italy 30 June - 6 July 2002 and Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002.	June-July 2002	7,208.30
His Honour Judge Neil F MCLAUCHLAN	New Zealand (Whangarei)	To attend sittings of the Maori Land Court of Whangarei and discuss jurisdiction and operation of Court with resident Judge.	2 weeks from 20 September 2002 to 3 October 2002	2,104.40
His Honour Judge Neil F MCLAUCHLAN	New Zealand (Wellington)	To attend sittings and observe procedures of District Court in Wellington and to discuss jurisdiction and conditions of service with resident Judges.	6 days from 5 February 2003 to 11 February 2003	2,524.66
The Honourable Justice Margaret A MCMURDO	UK (Edinburgh - Scotland), France (Paris)	Inaugural World Congress of Barristers and Advocates, Edinburgh, 27-29 June 2002 and Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002.	June-July 2002	2,658.88
The Honourable Justice Martin P MOYNIHAN	UK (London, Oxford), USA (New York)	USA Pacific Legal Conference, New York 21-27 April 2003 and various discussions with judiciary, legal profession and officials regarding civil justice reforms, developments in civil procedure and reforms of the criminal justice system within the United Kingdom, London 29 April - 9 May 2003. Judge in Residence, Oxford 6 - 8 May, 13 - 15 May and 20 - 22 May 2003.	April-May 2003	34,048.56
The Honourable Justice John D M MUIR	Greece (Athens)	2nd Forum of European Jurists Conference April 2003.	April 2003	14,118.19
The Honourable Justice John D M MUIR	France (Paris)	Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002 - refund as Judge could not attend this conference.	July 2002	(13,262.00)
His Honour Judge Robert D PACK	France (Paris)	Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002.	July 2002	14,131.17

His Honour Judge Thomas J QUIRK	Africa (Nairobi, Kenya) South Africa (Johannesburg), France (Paris)	Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris in July and, while in transit, at the invitation of the United Nations Environmental Program, to visit Africa and UNEP headquarters in Nairobi Kenya where directed to various locations in the country to observe work carried out to achieve Ecologically Sustainable Development.	June-July 2002	15,015.00
His Honour Judge Phillip D ROBIN	Canada (Vancouver)	Advanced Professional Education Conference 6-11 January 2003.	January 2003	16,035.80
His Honour Senior Judge N A SKOEN	France (Paris, Dijon), Italy (Rome)	Australian Bar Association Conference, Paris 7-10 July 2002 and judicial deliberations in Rome and Dijon May-June 2002.	May-July 2002	4,511.18
His Honour Senior Judge Gilbert TRAFFORD-WALKER	China (Beijing)	Judicial Forum hosted by the Beijing People's High Court 28 July - 2 August 2002 and conducted tours of regional Courts of China.	July - August 2002	18,404.97
His Honour Senior Judge Gilbert TRAFFORD-WALKER	Belgium (Brussels)	International Bar Association Conference 23-26 May 2003.	May 2003	21,161.58
His Honour Senior Judge Gilbert TRAFFORD-WALKER	Papua New Guinea (Madang)	15th Pacific Judicial Conference 22 - 27 June 2003.	June 2003	2,410.19
His Honour Judge Clive F WALL	China (Beijing)	Judicial Forum hosted by the Beijing People's High Court 28 July - 2 August 2002.	July-August 2002	5,605.94
His Honour Judge Clive F WALL	Spain (Cadiz)	Various jurisprudential activities and continuing professional education and development including planning and environment aspects, comparative aspects of legal systems within Spain.	September 2003-January 2004	462.23
The Honourable Justice Margaret J White	India (New Delhi), Sri Lanka (Colombo)	International Law Association Conference, New Delhi 2-7 April 2002 and held meetings and discussions with judicial officers and legal practitioners at the College of Law, Sri Lanka 8-9 April 2002.	April 2002	4,551.31
The Honourable Justice Glen N WILLIAMS	South Africa (Durban)	International Bar Association Conference , Durban 20-25 October 2002 and held various meetings and had discussions with legal profession within South Africa.	October 2002	10,504.00
The Honourable Justice Margaret A WILSON	USA (Princeton University, New Jersey)	14th Annual Harold R. Medina Seminar 12 - 17 June 2003.	10 - 24 June 2003	9,615.19
His Honour Judge Ian McG WYLIE	Greece (Rhodes)	9th Greek/Australian International Legal and Medical Conference, Rhodes 1 - 6 June 2003.	June 2003	19,160.00
TOTAL JUDICIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL 2002-2003				\$463,786.64

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Chief Justice	\$20,475
President, Court of Appeal	\$19,845
Supreme Court Judges	\$17,430
District Court Judges	\$16,750