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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.

The cost of travel in the past financial year

The following table shows the amounts paid or reimbursed between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006, 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.

Current annual amount of the Jurisprudential Expense Allowance

The annual Jurisprudential Expense Allowance from 1 July 2005 is

Chief Justice	\$25,815
President, Court of Appeal	\$25,020
Supreme Court Judges	\$21,980
District Court Judges	\$19,780

JUDICIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL 2005-2006

Name of Judge	Countries Visited	Purpose of Visit	Period of Travel	Cost
The Honourable Justice Roslyn G ATKINSON	United Kingdom and Hungary	Commonwealth Law conference, London and European Association for Studies Australian Conference, Hungary	September-2005	\$21,591.54
The Honourable Justice Roslyn G ATKINSON	Czech Republic	International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Prague	September-2005	\$9,928.16
His Honour Judge Grant T BRITTON, SC	United Kingdom, Scotland, Europe and China	Long leave to travel through UK, Scotland, Europe and China for meetings and court visits and to attend conferences below:	December 2005-April 2006	\$43,564.24
His Honour Judge Grant T BRITTON, SC		Europe Pacific Legal conference, Cortina, Italy	as above	\$3,544.94
His Honour Judge Grant T BRITTON, SC		Europe Asia Legal conference, Lipari, Sicily, Italy	as above	\$19,172.54
His Honour Judge Grant T BRITTON, SC		World Bar conference, Hong Kong / Shanghai, China	as above	\$2,450.00
Her Honour Judge Sarah BRADLEY	United Kingdom	Attend International Human Rights Law Summer School	July-2005	\$11,517.84
Her Honour Judge Sarah BRADLEY	Italy	Europe Asia Legal conference, Lipari, Sicily	June-July 2006	\$7,499.00
His Honour Judge Charles J L BRABAZON, QC	New Zealand	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) conference, Wellington	October-2005	\$2,478.51
The Honourable Justice John H BYRNE, RFD	Vanuatu	Pacific Judicial conference, Port Vila	July-2005	\$2,373.44
The Honourable Justice John H BYRNE, RFD	New Zealand	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) conference, Wellington	October-2005	\$2,656.10
The Honourable Justice John H BYRNE, RFD	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$16,552.58
The Honourable Mr Justice Richard N CHESTERMAN, RFD	Hungary and Croatia	3rd European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) conference, Budapest and 35th Annual University Association for Contemporary Studies (UACES) conference, Zagreb	September-2005	\$22,643.31
The Honourable Mr Justice Richard N CHESTERMAN,	Italy	International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Fiesole, Florence	October-2005	\$5,538.86

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The Honourable Mr Justice Richard N CHESTERMAN, RFD	Canada	Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges conference, Toronto, Canada	September-2006	\$2,315.58
The Honourable Mr Justice Richard N CHESTERMAN, RFD	USA	International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Chicago and court visits in New York	September-2006	\$2,702.55
The Honourable Justice Keiran A CULLINANE	China	World Bar conference, Hong Kong / Shanghai; Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Guangdong Province; Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Shanghai; Visit to Hong Kong High Court; Visit to Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and meeting with Chief Justice and Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Anhui Province	April-2006	\$21,095.73
His Honour Judge Ian DEARDEN	Italy	Legal conference, Prato, Sicily	June-July 2006	\$5,456.65
His Honour Judge Ian DEARDEN	New Zealand	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) conference, Wellington	October-2005	\$4,645.36
The Honourable Chief Justice Paul de JERSEY, AC	United Kingdom	Judicial Studies Board course and court visits, London	January-2006	\$19,271.33
Her Honour Judge Julie M DICK, SC	Czech Republic	International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Prague	September-2005	\$22,580.23
His Honour Judge Keith S DODDS	Italy	International Bar Association (IBA) Transnational conference, Milan and Europe Asia Legal conference, Praiano	June-July 2005	\$5,333.92
The Honourable Justice James S DOUGLAS	New Zealand	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) conference, Wellington	October-2005	\$2,979.42
The Honourable Justice James S DOUGLAS	USA	American Law Institute meeting in Philadelphia and visit to National Center for States Courts, Williamsburg	May-2005	\$2,192.41
The Honourable Justice James S DOUGLAS	United Kingdom and France	Meetings in London and attend Summer Institute of International and Comparative Law, Paris	June-July 2005	\$11,810.77
The Honourable Justice Peter R DUTNEY	Ireland	Australian Bar Association (ABA) conference, Dublin	June-July 2005	\$591.32

The Honourable Justice Henry G FRYBERG	China	World Bar conference, Hong Kong / Shanghai; Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Guangdong Province; Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Shanghai; Visit to Hong Kong High Court; Visit to Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and meeting with Chief Justice and Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Anhui Province	April-2006	\$22,741.89
His Honour Judge Milton J GRIFFIN, SC	Czech Republic	International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Prague	September-2005	\$17,002.26
His Honour Judge Milton J GRIFFIN, SC	Italy	Legal conference, Prato, Sicily	June-July 2006	\$12,841.40
His Honour Judge Milton J GRIFFIN, SC	Czech Republic / Italy	Official passport for overseas travel	Various	\$306.00
The Honourable Mr Justice John W B HELMAN	France and Greece	Architecture and Judicial Rituals Seminar, Paris and Nantes and Symposium 2005, Mykonos	September-2005	\$22,537.60
His Honour Judge Brian C HOATH	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$16,552.00
His Honour Judge Marshall P IRWIN	Vanuatu	Pacific Judicial conference, Port Vila	July-2005	\$1,310.15
His Honour Judge Marshall P IRWIN	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$16,552.58
His Honour Judge Marshall P IRWIN	Scotland	International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, Edinburgh	June-2005	\$21,799.51
The Honourable Justice Stanley G JONES, AO	China	World Bar conference, Hong Kong / Shanghai; Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Guangdong Province; Judicial Seminar High Peoples Court of Shanghai; Visit to Hong Kong High Court; Visit to Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and meeting with Chief Justice	April-2006	\$11,961.88
The Honourable Justice Stanley G JONES, AO	Italy	Europe Asia Legal conference, Praiano	July-2005	\$6,300.65
The Honourable Justice Stanley G JONES, AO	Austria	Vienna sittings	January-2006	\$344.19
The Honourable Justice Stanley G JONES, AO	Ireland, France and Spain	Australian Bar Association (ABA) conference, Dublin; International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Paris and International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Madrid	May-July 2005	\$4,131.69

The Honourable Justice Patrick KEANE	UK and France	Court visits and meetings in London and Paris	December 2005-January 2006	\$14,946.38
The Honourable Justice Patrick KEANE	USA	Court visits Washington DC and New York to observe the oral argument of appeals in the Supreme Court of the United States, the US Courts of Appeal for the District of Columbia Circuit and the New York Court of Appeals	December 2006-January 2007	\$14,674.59
His Honour Judge Neil F McLAUCHLAN, QC	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$17,142.58
The Honourable Justice Martin P MOYNIHAN, AO	United Kingdom, Europe and USA	Meetings in London, Rome and New York	February-March 2006	\$27,422.74
The Honourable Justice Martin P MOYNIHAN, AO	India	International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society, Hyderabad	December-2005	\$10,999.98
The Honourable Mr Justice John D M MUIR	United Kingdom, Europe and India	Meetings, consultations and Court visits with judicial officers, officials, legal practitioners concerning matters including advocates and judicial training, commercial and other case management and procedures, court architecture and attend 3rd European Jurists Forum conference, Geneva, Switzerland	July-September 2005	\$22,730.47
The Honourable Justice Deborah A MULLINS	New Zealand	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) conference, Wellington	October-2005	\$2,718.01
His Honour Judge John E NEWTON	Italy	Europe Asia Legal conference, Lipari, Sicily	June-July 2006	\$885.00
His Honour Judge Kerry J O'BRIEN	Fiji	South Pacific Council of Youth and Children's Court, Fiji	July-2005	\$1,023.40
His Honour Judge Robert D PACK	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$12,016.08
His Honour Judge Robert D PACK	Russia	East-West Medial/Legal conference, St Petersburg	July-2006	\$2,714.60
His Honour Judge Robert D PACK	Italy	Europe Asia Legal conference, Lipari, Sicily	June-July 2006	\$695.00
His Honour Judge Robert D PACK	USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland and Europe	Expenses for conferences, seminars and court visits throughout USA, Canada, UK and Europe. Conferences included: Harold Medina Judges conference, Washington; Irish & Australian Bar conference, Ireland; ISDR conference Sweden & British Legal conference and court visits, Canada	May-July 2005	\$35,000.00

His Honour Judge Michael RACKEMANN	Canada	Judicial Mediation conference	September-October 2005	\$9,831.18
Her Honour Judge Deborah RICHARDS	Italy	Europe Asia Legal conference, Lipari, Sicily	June-July 2006	\$895.00
His Honour Judge John M ROBERTSON	Italy / Russia	Legal conference, Prato, Sicily; Europe Asia Legal conference, Lipari, Sicily; Europe Asia Legal conference, St Petersburg	June-July 2006	\$24,304.00
His Honour Judge Philip D ROBIN, QC	British Columbia	Advanced Professional Education (APE) conference 2006, British Columbia	January-2006	\$12,818.00
His Honour Judge Philip D ROBIN, QC	United Kingdom	British Legal History conference, London	July-2005	\$19,663.17
Her Honour Judge Julie RYRIE	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$16,824.15
His Honour Judge Michael J SHANAHAN	New Zealand	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) conference, Wellington	October-2005	\$3,020.15
His Honour Judge Michael J SHANAHAN	Italy	Europe Pacific Legal conference, Pocol	January-2007	\$895.00
His Honour Senior Judge Nelson A SKOIEN	USA and India	Meeting with Judges and court attendance and visits	July - September 2005	\$4,032.00
His Honour Senior Judge Gilbert TRAFFORD-WALKER	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$17,368.52
His Honour Senior Judge Gilbert TRAFFORD-WALKER	Czech Republic and United Kingdom	International Bar Association (IBA) conference, Prague and court visits in UK, Chester, Cardiff and London	September-October 2005	\$23,171.41
His Honour Senior Judge Gilbert TRAFFORD-WALKER	Fiji	Fiji Law Society conference	July-2005	\$295.69
His Honour Judge Clive F WALL, QC	China	Sino-Australia Law Forum 2006, China	March-April 2006	\$12,465.55
His Honour Judge Clive F WALL, QC	Vanuatu	Pacific Judicial conference, Port Vila	July-2005	\$1,646.56
His Honour Judge Clive F WALL, QC	Greece	Greek Australian International Legal & Medical conference, Mykonos	May-June 2005	\$2,474.52
His Honour Judge Peter J WHITE	Italy	Legal conference, Prato, Sicily	June-July 2006	\$17,093.72

The Honourable Justice Glenn N WILLIAMS, AO	UK, Denmark, Scotland, Czech Republic and Germany	10th Annual Conference and general Meeting of the International Association of Prosecutors, 50th Anniversary Commonwealth Law conference, London; International Bar Association conference, Prague; visit Nuremberg War Trials Court and Museum and various court visits and meetings	August-October 2005	\$33,114.00
The Honourable Justice Margaret A WILSON	Vanuatu	Pacific Judicial conference, Port Vila	July-2005	\$3,450.34
The Honourable Justice Margaret A WILSON	United Kingdom, France and Canada	Commonwealth Law Conference, London; Architecture & Judicial Rituals seminar, Paris; visit to Royal Courts of Justice in Belfast including discussions with Lord Chief Justice and other members of Court - also visits to Bar Library and discussion with DPP; visit to Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in Toronto including observation of Court proceedings, inspection of jury facilities and discussion with Judge; visit to Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa including discussions with Chief Justice and other members of Court	September-October 2005	\$22,777.51
The Honourable Justice Margaret A WILSON	Japan	Judicial exchange with Supreme Court of Japan	July-2006	\$7,798.33
Her Honour Chief Judge Patricia M WOLFE	United Kingdom (London, Oxford), France and Italy (Prato, Florence)	Various meeting with judicial, professional and officials, visits to courts, universities in United Kingdom, France, Italy and engagements - judicial studies (Judicial Studies Board, London), library issues (British Library, Lincoln's Inn Library - London, Bodleian Law Library - Oxford), courthouse design and security (courthouses in France, London and Florence), and attend 6th International Congress of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (Paris) 14/06 - 18/06/06; Monash Uni-Prato Centre conference: Access to Justice (Prato) 29/06 - 01/07/06	May-July 2006	\$21,035.00
Her Honour Chief Judge Patricia M WOLFE	Vanuatu	Pacific Judicial conference, Port Vila	July-2005	\$215.40
		TOTAL JUDICIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL 2005-2006		\$845,026.16