

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

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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”. In 1993, the Tribunal determined that the Jurisprudential Expense Allowance should be included in salary. So today a Judge may elect to take the allowance as salary. Otherwise, the Judge’s salary is reduced by the amount of the allowance. It is a mistake to regard the allowance as “taxpayer’s 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 2000 and 30 June 2001, 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 2000-01				
Name of Officer	Countries Visited	Purpose of Visit	Period of Travel	Cost
The Honourable Mr Justice Brian W AMBROSE	Canada (Vancouver), USA (Denver)	American Bar Association Conference 22-25 July 2001 Vancouver and also 19-22 August 2001 Breckenridge, Denver	July - September 2001	13,573.09
The Honourable Justice Roslyn G ATKINSON	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000 and meetings with legal academics from New York University and Columbia University	June - July 2000	12,295.84
The Honourable Justice Roslyn G ATKINSON	South Africa (Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Soweto)	In November/December 2000 the Hon Justice Atkinson visited South Africa at the invitation of the South African Government to assist in the implementation of the <i>Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 2000</i> . The visit was sponsored by AusAid. With the assistance of Associate Professor Tahminjis, Head of the Law School of QUT, Justice Atkinson prepared a draft curriculum for judicial education, a draft bench book and made a number of recommendations to the judiciary and the executive on the implementation of the Act. In April 2001, her Honour addressed a judicial education seminar at Johannesburg on the implementation of the Act	November - December 2000; April 2001	(920.02)
His Honour Judge Grant T BRITTON S.C.	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000	July 2000	1,887.87
The Honourable Justice John H BYRNE	Israel (Tel-Aviv), UK (Scotland-Edinburgh)	Discussions concerning ADR, case management and judicial websites with Tel-Aviv court representatives 27-28 August 2000 and attendance at Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association (CMJA) 12th Triennial Conference in Edinburgh 10-15 September 2000	August - October 2000	4,801.25
The Honourable Mr Justice Richard N CHESTERMAN	USA (New York, Boston, Williamsburg)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2000 2-5 July 2000, investigated literature with respect to alternative dispute resolution at Harvard University Cambridge, observed prosecution portion of a criminal trial in Massachusetts Superior Court Boston, attended a Court Room 21 communications and recording technology demonstration in Williamsburg	June - July 2000	8,246.62
The Honourable Mr Justice Richard N CHESTERMAN	Greece (Corfu)	8th Greek-Australian International Legal & Medical Conference 4-9 June 2001	June - July 2001	18,005.00

The Honourable Justice Keiran A CULLINANE	UK (London, Ireland-Dublin), Italy (Parma,Florence,Venice), France (Strasburg)	Judicial Studies Board Human Rights Act Seminar London, lecturing at Trinity College Dublin, presented a paper at the University of Parma, attendance to the European Courts of Civil Rights and European University Institute Florence, delivered a paper at the Europe Pacific Australian Medical Legal Conference Venice 24-27 April 2000 and other professional visits 17 March-22 April 2000	March - April 2000	9,565.15
The Honourable Justice Geoffrey L DAVIES	UK (Scotland-Edinburgh)	Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association (CMJA) 12th Triennial Conference in Edinburgh 10-15 September 2000	August - September 2000	24,099.18
The Honourable Justice Geoffrey L DAVIES	UK (London)	Sabbatical at London University and later at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge 1 April - 15 June 2001	April - June 2001	46,500.00
The Honourable Justice Paul de JERSEY AC, Chief Justice	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000 New York, and court related activities in Washington DC	June - July 2000	11,539.92
The Honourable Justice Paul de JERSEY AC, Chief Justice	Netherlands (Amsterdam), UK (London), Singapore	Professional discussions with various officials regarding drug policies, the Heroin Prescription Program, the Jellinek High Threshold Methadone Program, needle exchange and user rooms and drug rehabilitation in general in Amsterdam, discussions regarding electronic presentation of court services and current UK approach to appointments in London, visit to the Royal Courts of Justice in London, sitting in on cases and discussions with the Judicial Studies Board, visit to the Supreme Court in Singapore and discussions regarding technology and court administration	January 2001	19,376.64
The Honourable Justice Paul de JERSEY AC, Chief Justice	Greece (Corfu, Athens), UK (London), Sweden (Stockholm)	Delivering a paper at 8th Greek-Australian International Legal & Medical Conference 4-9 June 2001, professional meetings concerning drugs and the courts in Athens, London and Stockholm	May - June 2001	31,303.89
His Honour Judge Keith S DODDS	Singapore, Japan (Tokyo), New Zealand (Queenstown)	The 3rd Australasian Conference of Planning & Environment Courts and Tribunals (ACPECT) Conference 20-23 November 2000, observe the operation of the Subordinate Courts in Singapore 9 November 2000, and observe the judicial system in Japan 11/12 November 2000	November 2000	9,260.68
The Honourable Mr Justice Robert R DOUGLAS	USA (New York,Brooklyn), UK (London)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2000 2-5 July 2000, tour of Superior Courts in Brooklyn 5-6 July 2000 and visits to the London Royal Courts of Justice, Old Bailey and Forensic Laboratory	June - July 2000	5,407.07

		in London inspecting criminal listings procedures, sitting in on trial of the "Soho Bomber" and demonstration of DNA technology 28-29 June 2000		
His Honour Judge Brian C HOATH	Greece (Corfu)	8th Greek-Australian International Legal & Medical Conference 4-9 June 2001	May - June 2001	6,865.00
The Honourable Justice Stanley G JONES	USA (New York), Netherlands, Rwanda	Australian Bar Association Conference 2000 2-5 July 2000, visits to the International War Crimes Tribunal (Rwanda) in The Hague, Netherlands and to Rwanda to meet with the Chief Justice of Rwanda and representatives of the War Crimes Tribunal, 22 June to 18 July 2000	June - July 2000	2,859.66
The Honourable Justice Margaret A MCMURDO	USA (New York, Chicago)	Australian Bar Association Conference New York 2-5 July 2000, visit to Illinois Appellate Court and meeting with State of Illinois Appellate Court Judges, Chicago 29 June 2000	July 2000	2,066.89
The Honourable Justice Martin P MOYNIHAN	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000	June - July 2000	772.34
The Honourable Mr Justice John D M MUIR	UK (London), Poland (Warsaw), Germany (Dresden), Austria (Vienna), Thailand (Bangkok)	Professional meetings concerning children's evidence, expert witnesses, court governance and practice, training of lawyers and court processes, intellectual property and international trade, and viewing special children's waiting room, court room and closed circuit telephone arrangements at Vienna Juvenile Court 14 July - 27 August 2000	July - August 2000	24,439.66
The Honourable Justice Debra A MULLINS	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000	July 2000	7,256.00
His Honour Judge John E NEWTON	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000 - refund of unused travel advance	July 2000	(968.69)
His Honour Judge John E NEWTON	New Zealand (Queenstown)	The 3rd Australasian Conference of Planning & Environment Courts and Tribunals (ACPECT) Conference 20-23 November 2000	November 2000	1,352.76
Her Honour Judge Helen O'SULLIVAN	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000, American Bar Association Conference 6-12 July 2000	July 2000	4,615.84
Her Honour Judge Helen O'SULLIVAN	UK (London)	Visiting fellow at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge and later official visitor Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge 1 April - 30 June 2001	March - July 2001	14,738.71
His Honour Judge Robert D PACK	New Zealand (Queenstown)	The 3rd Australasian Conference of Planning & Environment Courts and Tribunals (ACPECT) Conference 20-23 November 2000	November 2000	4,682.89

The Honourable Justice Cecil W PINCUS	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000, American Bar Association Conference 6-12 July 2000	July 2000	9,211.08
His Honour Judge Thomas J QUIRK	New Zealand (Queenstown)	The 3rd Australasian Conference of Planning & Environment Courts and Tribunals (ACPECT) Conference 20-23 November 2000	November 2000	4,475.64
His Honour Judge John M ROBERTSON	New Zealand (Wellington)	Meeting with Youth Court Judges in Wellington to discuss family group conferencing and attend a court session	October 2001	5,374.12
His Honour Judge Phillip D ROBIN Q.C.	Canada (Vancouver)	Australian Accountants Conference 2001	January 2001	9,438.00
His Honour Judge Phillip D ROBIN Q.C.	UK (Wales-Aberystwyth), Germany (Goettingen)	15th British Legal History Conference 4-7 July 2001 Aberystwyth, and Elsa, Merger and Acquisitions Conference 13-15 July 2001 Goettingen	June - July 2001	6,034.29
His Honour Judge Michael J SHANAHAN	USA (New York)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000	June - July 2000	2,400.75
His Honour Senior Judge Nelson A SKOEN	USA (New York, Boston), Canada (Vancouver)	Australian Bar Association Conference 2-5 July 2000, observed a 2nd degree murder trial and had discussions with the forensic entomologist presenter Vancouver 2 June 2000, and observed a sentence to probation Boston 21 June 2000	May - July 2000	1,816.00
His Honour Judge Clive F WALL Q.C.	New Zealand (Queenstown)	The 3rd Australasian Conference of Planning & Environment Courts and Tribunals (ACPECT) Conference 20-23 November 2000	November 2000	4,386.71
His Honour Judge Clive F WALL Q.C.	Greece (Corfu), Turkey (Istanbul)	8th Greek-Australian International Legal & Medical Conference 4-9 June 2001, visits to Istanbul Courts 11-15 June 2001	May - June 2001	13,604.00
The Honourable Justice Margaret WHITE	Malta, UK (London), USA (San Diego), New Zealand (Queenstown)	Visit to Law School and Court in Malta 17-19 July 2000; attendance at Annual General Meeting and Lecture of Selden Society 20 July 2000 and International Law Association 69th Biennial Conference London 23-29 July 2000, visits to Law Library, Law School and legal practitioners in San Diego 30 July - 3 August 2000, attendance at Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand Annual Conference at Queenstown New Zealand 5-9 August 2000	July - August 2000	16,093.47
The Honourable Justice Glen N WILLIAMS	UK (London, Glasgow, Edinburgh), Netherlands (Amsterdam)	Meetings with representatives from the Royal Courts of Justice, Expert Witness Institute and Judicial Studies Board in London 29-31 August, meetings with professors and attend Children's Panel Hearings at Strathclyde Law School Glasgow 7-8 September 2000,	August - October 2000	20,170.00

		attendance at the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association 12th Triennial Conference Edinburgh 10-15 September 2000, and attendance at International Bar Association 2000 Conference Amsterdam 17-22 September 2000		
The Honourable Justice Margaret A WILSON	USA (New York), UK (London)	Visits to Singapore Supreme Court, Royal Courts of Justice, Old Bailey and Southwark Crown Court (London), discussions with Expert Witness Institute and attendance at EWI seminar (London), Australian Bar Association Conference (New York), visit to Courtroom 21 Project (College of William & Mary, Williamsburg)	June - July 2000	1,258.81
The Honourable Justice Margaret A WILSON	UK (London-Cambridge), Japan (Tokyo)	Visit to Japan in accordance with itinerary prepared by Director of Office of Gender Equality in Japanese Cabinet Office, including professional meetings at Supreme Court of Japan and Tokyo District Court; attendance at Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies' "Cambridge Lectures" at Queens' College, Cambridge, UK; attendance at seminar on Women and Public International Litigation in Matrix Chambers, London; attending judicial proceedings in House of Lords; lunch meeting with members of Anglo-Australasian Lawyers Society	July 2001	9,279.51
Her Honour Judge Patricia M WOLFE, Chief Judge	UK (London)	69th International Law Association Conference 25-29 July 2000	July - August 2000	1,805.53
His Honour Judge Ian M WYLIE Q.C.	Greece (Corfu)	8th Greek-Australian International Legal & Medical Conference 4-9 June 2001	May - June 2001	28,971.82
TOTAL JUDICIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL 2000-01				\$ 417,942.97

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The annual Jurisprudential Expense Allowance from 1 July 2000 is

Chief Justice	\$18,700
President, Court of Appeal	\$18,150
Other Judges	\$15,950