

# **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

#### The Jurisprudential Allowance

In 1988, the independent Salaries and Allowances Tribunal established by Parliament introduced an allowance, called the Jurisprudential 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".

With effect from 1993, the Tribunal viewed the allowance "as part of the total income of Queensland Judges". Consequently, it 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".

In the year 2007, the Tribunal ceased to exist, and the remuneration of Queensland judges was statutorily aligned with that paid to judges of the Federal Court of Australia, by the *Judicial Remuneration Act 2007*. That Act reflects the approach taken by the former Tribunal to the jurisprudential allowance: the amount of the salary paid to Federal Court judges is reduced by the amount of the jurisprudential allowance in order to calculate the salary paid to judges of the Supreme Court, Trial Division, with proportionate adjustments for other judges; and a Queensland judge has the option to have the amount of the jurisprudential allowance paid as salary.

## Funding overseas travel

Overseas travel by judges is generally undertaken pursuant to the Jurisprudential Allowance. Judges may also fund it in certain circumstances from an Expense of Office Allowance originally granted by the Tribunal, and now provided for by the *Judicial Remuneration Act*, although this allowance is also used for such expenses as library books and the purchase, maintenance and insurance of judicial court-room attire.

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, though not under allowances provided for by the *Judicial Remuneration Act*. (That expenditure is noted in the annual report of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.)

The statutory 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 costs of travel in the past financial year

The following table shows the amounts paid or reimbursed in respect of the now statutory allowances, to Supreme and District Court judges, between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, even though the travel may have been undertaken earlier or later.

#### Current annual amount of the Jurisprudential Allowance

The annual Jurisprudential Expense Allowance from 1 July 2011 was:

| Chief Justice               | \$35,391 |
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| President, Court of Appeal  | \$34,284 |
| Other Supreme Court Judges  | \$30,135 |
| Chief Judge                 | \$30,135 |
| Other District Court Judges | \$27,122 |
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## Current annual amount of the Expense of Office Allowance

The annual Expense of Office Allowance from 1 July 2011 was:

| All Judges | \$10,507.74 |
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## JUDICIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL 2011-2012

This table summarises the reimbursement to judges of overseas travel expenses claimed in the period July 2011 to June 2012. In some cases the travel may have occurred outside of the period during which the claim for reimbursement was made.

| Name of Judge  | Countries<br>Visited                      | Purpose of Visit  | Period of Travel          | Cost        |
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| The Honourable Justice<br>Peter D APPLEGARTH           | Germany                                   | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin   | June-July 2011            | \$4,968.70  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Roslyn G ATKINSON            | United Kingdom                            | 11th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Women Judges, London   | May-2012                  | \$19,659.26 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Roslyn G ATKINSON            | Turkey, Greece                            | International Association of Judges Conference,<br>Istanbul; The Greek Conference, Rhodes   | September-2011            | \$3,878.41  |
| His Honour Judge John R<br>BAULCH, S.C.                | Germany                                   | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin   | June-July 2011            | \$2,106.22  |
| His Honour Judge John R<br>BAULCH, S.C.                | New Zealand                               | National Judicial College of Australia Decision<br>Making Conference, Wellington  | July-2012                 | \$4,887.40  |
| His Honour Judge Hugh<br>W H BOTTING                   | USA, United<br>Kingdom, Czech<br>Republic | USA Pacific Legal Conference, New York; electronic<br>Visualisation and the Arts conference, London; The<br>7th East West Legal Conference, Prague  | June-July 2012            | \$22,000.00 |
| His Honour Judge Hugh<br>W H BOTTING                   | Germany, United<br>Kingdom                | Australian Bar Association Conference,<br>Dresden/Berlin; 20th British Legal History<br>Conference, Cambridge; 5th British Pacific Legal<br>Conference, London; visit to Court houses and<br>meetings with Judicial Officers  | July-2011                 | \$2,000.00  |
| Her Honour Judge Sarah<br>BRADLEY                      | United Kingdom                            | 11th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Women Judges, London   | May-2012                  | \$2,638.41  |
| Her Honour Judge Sarah<br>BRADLEY                      | Croatia                                   | The Second Environmental Law Enforcement Conference, Dubrovnik  | July-2012                 | \$625.00    |
| His Honour Judge Grant T<br>BRITTON, S.C.              | Germany,<br>Turkey, United<br>Kingdom     | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin; East<br>West Legal Conference, Istanbul; British Pacific<br>Legal Conference, London; Inspection of<br>courthouses and facilities, discussions with Judges,<br>United Kingdom  | July-2011                 | \$6,388.61  |
| His Honour Judge Grant T<br>BRITTON, S.C.              | Greece                                    | The Greek Conference, Rhodes  | September-2011            | \$1,262.26  |
| His Honour Judge Grant T<br>BRITTON, S.C.              | USA                                       | USA Pacific Legal Conference, New York  | June-July 2012            | \$7,143.45  |
| His Honour Judge<br>Brendan BUTLER                     | United Kingdom,<br>Germany                | Visit to Liverpool Court and North Liverpool<br>Community Justice Centre, observe court<br>proceedings and discussions with judicial officers<br>and staff, Liverpool; attend Australian Bar<br>Association Conference, Berlin  | June-July 2011            | \$17,918.53 |
| The Honourable Justice John H BYRNE, RFD               | Israel, USA                               | North South Legal Conference, Jerusalem; Meetings<br>with Judicial Officers and observe court proceedings,<br>New York  | September-October<br>2011 | \$8,656.87  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>John H BYRNE, RFD            | Papua New<br>Guinea                       | Discussion with Chief Justice of the Supreme and<br>National Court of Papua New Guinea, judicial officers<br>and administrators with a view to signing a<br>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between<br>Supreme Court of Queensland and Supreme Court<br>of Papua New Guinea for future judicial liaison and<br>training | December-2011             | \$893.76    |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Richard N<br>CHESTERMAN, RFD | Germany                                   | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin   | July-2011                 | \$8,507.26  |

| The Honourable Justice                                | Italy   | Europe Asia Medical & Legal Conference, Positano   | July-2011                      | -\$5,652.60 |
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| Richard N   | i aig   | Note: Conference attendance cancelled; refund  | July 2011                      | Ψ0,002.00   |
| CHESTERMAN, RFD                                       |   | processed in the 2011-2012 financial year  |                                |             |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Martin A DAUBNEY            | Ireland   | International Bar Association Annual Conference,<br>Dublin   | September-October<br>2012      | \$2,149.24  |
| His Honour Judge Ian<br>DEARDEN                       | Germany   | 32nd Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH), Berlin  | July-2011                      | \$1,839.64  |
| His Honour Judge Ian<br>DEARDEN                       | USA   | USA Pacific Legal Conference, New York   | June-July 2012                 | \$10,022.50 |
| The Honourable Chief<br>Justice Paul de JERSEY,<br>AC | Qatar   | The 2nd Qatar Law Forum, Doha  | May-2012                       | \$369.96    |
| The Honourable Chief<br>Justice Paul de JERSEY,<br>AC | United Kingdom,<br>Portugal, France                         | Inspection of courthouses and related facilities<br>(especially libraries), meetings with judicial officers<br>and other public officials  | December 2011-<br>January 2012 | \$22,103.06 |
| His Honour Judge Brian G<br>DEVEREAUX, S.C.           | Germany   | Dresden Mediation Conference, Dresden; Australian<br>Bar Association Conference, Berlin  | June-July 2011                 | \$3,074.14  |
| His Honour Judge Keirnan<br>DORNEY QC                 | Germany   | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin  | June-July 2011                 | \$23,647.42 |
| His Honour Judge Keirnan<br>DORNEY QC                 | United Kingdom,<br>Croatia                                  | World Bar Conference, London; The Second<br>Environmental Law Enforcement Conference,<br>Dubrovnik   | June-July 2012                 | \$20,671.44 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>James S DOUGLAS             | United Kingdom,<br>France, Israel,<br>Jordan and<br>Germany | Jurisprudential deliberations, research and other<br>activities as visitor to Faculties of Law at Universities<br>of Cambridge and Edinburgh including discussions<br>with professors, judges and practitioners and visits to<br>courts in Edinburgh, Glasgow and London; visits to<br>French courthouses and National Judges' School<br>and speech to and discussions with practitioners,<br>professors, students and Judges; World Society of<br>Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists' Conference, Jerusalem;<br>visit to Jordanian courthouses and Judicial Institute<br>of Jordan and speech to and discussions with<br>practitioners, professors, students and Judges;<br>Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin | November 2010-July<br>2011     | \$12,144.14 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>James S DOUGLAS             | United Kingdom,<br>France,<br>Germany                       | Research at Institute of Comparative Law, Paris;<br>attend World Bar Conference, London; research and<br>other activities at the Max Planck Institute of<br>Comparative Law, Hamburg; observe Court of<br>Appeal proceedings, Nimes  | June-July 2012                 | \$10,772.84 |
| His Honour Judge Stuart<br>G DURWARD S.C.             | Germany   | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin  | June-July 2011                 | \$2,561.14  |
| His Honour Judge William<br>G EVERSON                 | Italy   | Europe Asia Legal Conference, Positano   | June-July 2011                 | \$749.74    |
| His Honour Judge Bradley<br>FARR SC                   | USA   | Australian Accountants and Lawyers Conference,<br>Aspen  | January-2012                   | \$17,269.68 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Hugh B FRASER               | New Zealand   | Supreme and Federal Court Judges' Conference, Wellington   | January-2011                   | \$7,449.88  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Hugh B FRASER               | Germany   | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin  | July-2011                      | \$26,789.18 |
| His Honour Judge Milton J<br>GRIFFIN, S.C.            | Croatia   | The Second Environmental Law Enforcement<br>Conference, Dubrovnik  | July-2012                      | \$28,536.38 |
| His Honour Judge Brian<br>HARRISON                    | United Kingdom,<br>Croatia                                  | World Bar Conference, London; The Second<br>Environmental Law Enforcement Conference,<br>Dubrovnik   | June-July 2012                 | \$10,517.00 |
| The Honourable Justice James HENRY                    | USA   | USA Pacific Legal Conference, New York   | June-July 2012                 | \$13,886.64 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Catherine E HOLMES          | United Kingdom,<br>Croatia                                  | World Bar Conference, London; The Second<br>Environmental Law Enforcement Conference,<br>Dubrovnik   | June-July 2012                 | \$16,298.33 |

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| His Honour Judge<br>Marshall P IRWIN         | Germany, South<br>Korea           | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin; 32nd<br>Congress of the International Academy of Law and<br>Mental Health (IALMH) Berlin; Law Asia Conference,<br>Seoul  | July-October 2011        | \$21,912.65 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Stanley G JONES    | USA,<br>Netherlands,<br>Germany   | Attend Harvard Law School mediation programme,<br>Harvard; Law of the Future Forum and conference,<br>The Hague; Australian Bar Association Conference,<br>Berlin   | June-July 2011           | \$29,979.24 |
| Her Honour Judge Fleur<br>KINGHAM            | United Kingdom<br>(cancelled)     | Cancellation of registration fee - International<br>Association of Women Judges Conference, London  | May-2012                 | \$93.72     |
| His Honour Judge<br>Gregory J KOPPENOL       | Germany,<br>Turkey<br>(cancelled) | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin; East<br>West Legal Conference, Istanbul<br>Note: Conference attendance cancelled due to<br>illness - refund processed in 2011/2012   | June-July 2011           | -\$3,874.40 |
| His Honour Judge<br>Gregory J KOPPENOL       | Italy                             | Pan Europe Pacific Legal Conference, Florence   | September-2011           | \$25,123.83 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Ann M LYONS        | Germany                           | International Academy of Law and Mental Health<br>(IALMH) Conference, Berlin; Australian Bar<br>Association Conference, Berlin  | July-2011                | \$2,857.35  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Ann M LYONS        | Croatia                           | The Second Environmental Law Enforcement<br>Conference, Dubrovnik   | July-2012                | \$625.00    |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Ann M LYONS        | New Zealand                       | The Australian and New Zealand Association of<br>Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (AANZAPPL) and<br>The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of<br>Psychiatrists joint conference, Wellington   | November-2011            | \$4,612.43  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Peter J LYONS      | Germany                           | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin   | July-2011                | \$11,245.33 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Glenn C MARTIN     | Germany, United<br>Kingdom        | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin;<br>meetings with Judicial officers, London   | June-July 2011           | \$3,172.00  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Glenn C MARTIN     | United Kingdom                    | Attend International Advocacy Training Council<br>meetings, Advanced International Advocacy Training<br>course, Oxford; meetings with judicial officers,<br>London  | August-September<br>2011 | \$2,079.98  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Glenn C MARTIN     | United Kingdom                    | World Bar Conference, London  | June-July 2012           | \$3,320.38  |
| His Honour Judge Terry D<br>MARTIN S.C.      | Various                           | Annual travel insurance   | January-2012             | \$645.00    |
| Her Honour Judge<br>Katherine M McGINNESS    | USA                               | Australian Accountants and Lawyers Conference,<br>Aspen   | January-2012             | \$20,193.40 |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Duncan VC McMEEKIN | USA                               | USA Pacific Legal Conference, New York  | June-July 2012           | \$17,332.46 |
| The Honourable Mr<br>Justice John D M MUIR   | Japan, Germany,<br>South Korea    | Visit to Supreme Court of Tokyo, meetings with<br>judicial officers in connection with the 14th<br>Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific,<br>Tokyo; meetings and discussions with judicial<br>officers, Bonn and Berlin; attend Australian Bar<br>Association Conference, Berlin; attend and<br>participate in 14th Conference of Chief Justices of<br>Asia and the Pacific as Conference Secretary, Seoul | June-July 2011           | \$31,011.80 |
| His Honour Judge John E<br>NEWTON            | France                            | Pan Europe Pacific Legal Conference, Paris  | February-2012            | \$4,971.00  |
| His Honour Judge John E<br>NEWTON            | France                            | Refund of cancellation/rebooking costs of air travel to attend Pan Europe Pacific Legal Conference, Paris   | February-2012            | -\$8,224.00 |
| His Honour Judge Kerry J<br>O'BRIEN          | Germany                           | Dresden Mediation Conference, Dresden; Australian<br>Bar Association Conference, Berlin; visits to Courts<br>in Dresden and Weimar  | June-July 2011           | \$7,615.09  |
| His Honour Judge Michael<br>E RACKEMANN      | United Kingdom,<br>Germany        | The Inaugural Environmental Law Enforcement<br>Conference, Thames Valley; Australian Bar<br>Association Conference, Berlin  | June-July 2011           | \$13,829.89 |
| His Honour Judge<br>Anthony RAFTER S.C.      | Italy, Germany                    | Europe Asia Legal Conference, Positano; Australian<br>Bar Association Conference, Berlin  | June-July 2011           | \$5,125.00  |

|   |                                  | TOTAL JUDICIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL<br>2011-2012   |                           | \$772,944.50 |
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| The Honourable Justice<br>Alan M WILSON     | USA                              | American Bar Association 14th Annual Section of<br>Disputes Resolution Spring Conference, Washington  | April-2012                | \$10,790.73  |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Margaret A WILSON | Solomon Islands                  | The 20th Pacific Judicial Conference, Honiara   | November-2012             | \$3,086.52   |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Margaret A WILSON | United Kingdom                   | The Cambridge Lectures, Cambridge   | July-2011                 | \$1,241.90   |
| The Honourable Justice<br>Margaret A WHITE  | Germany                          | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin   | June-July 2011            | \$2,419.16   |
| His Honour Judge Clive F<br>WALL, Q.C.      | Malaysia, China                  | International Malaysia Law Conference, Kuala<br>Lumpur; Judicial liaison and Planning and<br>Environment education, Hong Kong   | September-2012            | \$8,814.28   |
| His Honour Judge Clive F<br>WALL, Q.C.      | United Kingdom,<br>France, Spain | Judicial liaison and Planning and Environment education   | September-October<br>2011 | \$23,032.60  |
| His Honour Judge Clive F<br>WALL, Q.C.      | New Zealand                      | Recent developments in Criminal Law Conference, Queenstown.   | August-2011               | \$3,892.68   |
| His Honour Judge Clive F<br>WALL, Q.C.      | Vietnam                          | Judicial liaison and Planning and Environment education   | July-2011                 | \$15,863.99  |
| His Honour Judge Michael<br>J SHANAHAN      | Vanuatu                          | South Pacific Council for Youth and Children's Court (SPCYCC) Conference, Port Vila   | July-2011                 | \$2,522.48   |
| His Honour Judge David<br>G SEARLES         | USA                              | Inspection of courthouses and related facilities,<br>meetings with judicial officers, observe court<br>proceedings, Boston and New York; attend Boston<br>University School of Law and American Law Institute<br>Conference on Restitution and Unjust Enrichment,<br>Boston | September-2011            | \$32,017.16  |
| His Honour Judge<br>Nicholas SAMIOS         | Sicily                           | Europe Asia Legal Conference, Lipari  | July-2012                 | \$19,534.65  |
| Her Honour Judge Julie A<br>RYRIE           | Various                          | Annual travel insurance   | April-2012                | \$2,655.34   |
| RYRIE<br>Her Honour Judge Julie A<br>RYRIE  | Czech Republic                   | The 7th East West Legal Conference, Prague  | July-2012                 | \$20,437.26  |
| Her Honour Judge Julie A                    | USA                              | Culture Centre conference, University of Warwick<br>USA Pacific Rim Legal Conference, San Francisco   | June-2011                 | \$10,981.20  |
| His Honour Judge Philip D<br>ROBIN, Q.C.    | Germany                          | Jurisprudential deliberations, research and other<br>activities at Nuremberg War Crimes Trials<br>Memoriam, Nuremberg; attending Global History and   | December-2012             | \$27,068.08  |
| His Honour Judge John<br>ROBERTSON          | Czech Republic                   | The 7th East West Legal Conference, Prague  | July-2012                 | \$16,245.06  |
| Her Honour Judge<br>Deborah RICHARDS        | Germany                          | Australian Bar Association Conference, Berlin   | June-July 2011            | \$18,014.35  |
| His Honour Judge<br>Anthony RAFTER S.C.     | United Kingdom,<br>Croatia       | World Bar Conference, London; The Second<br>Environmental Law Enforcement Conference,<br>Dubrovnik  | June-July 2012            | \$21,946.02  |