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STANDARD OF OVERSEAS AIR TRAVEL

Following a Public Service Board decision that staff employed under the Public Service Act will travel overseas by air at the same standard as they travel in Australia, the Government has decided to apply the same revised standard for overseas air travel to Commonwealth employees outside the Public Service Act (e.g. staff of statutory authorities.)

This will mean that the new standard will be economy class, except for staff with a salary equal to Level 1, Second Division or above. The revised standards are to apply to overseas travel commencing on or after 1 January 1977.

This decision is further evidence of the Government's intention to exercise restraint in all areas of public spending.