



REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

2015 REVIEW OF TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES FOR MINISTERS OF THE CROWN AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT¹

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 4(1)(c) of the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990*, confers jurisdiction on the Remuneration Tribunal to determine from time to time electorate allowances and other allowances and expenses for Members of Parliament.
- 1.2 Section 3 of the *Remuneration Act 1990*, defines such allowances and expenses as remuneration, and section 8(2) of the Act requires the Tribunal to review previous determinations of remuneration under this Act at least once in each year.
- 1.3 The last determination covering these matters was Report and Determination No. 8 of 2014, issued on 14 August 2014.
- 1.4 Section 10(2) of the *Remuneration Act 1990*, requires that before making a determination affecting the remuneration of a particular person, or persons of a particular class, the Tribunal must allow that person, or persons of that class, a reasonable opportunity to make submissions.
- 1.5 On 22 June 2015 the Tribunal wrote to the Premier, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and each Member of Parliament advising that the Tribunal intended to review Determination 8 of 2014 and invited submissions for the Tribunal's consideration.
- 1.6 One written submission was received from a country member who expressed satisfaction with the current Country Members Accommodation Allowance.

2. Travelling and Accommodation Allowances for Ministers and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition

- 2.1 This allowance provides financial assistance to Ministers and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, for travel and accommodation expenses involved in travelling in an official capacity both within South Australia and interstate.
- 2.2 Having regard to recent increases in CPI being offset by a decrease in domestic holiday travel and accommodation by 5.4%, the Tribunal has decided that the allowances should remain as provided by Determination 8 of 2014.

3. Country Members Accommodation Allowance

- 3.1 This allowance provides financial assistance to a Member of either House of Parliament whose usual place of residence is more than 75 kilometres by

¹ The *Remuneration Act 1990* (SA) s 8(2) provides that The Tribunal must sit at least once in each year for the purpose of determining, or reviewing previous determinations of, remuneration under this Act.

road (by the most direct route) from the Adelaide GPO, and who is required to stay in Adelaide overnight in order to attend to either parliamentary duties or the Member's duty to be actively involved in community affairs. A modest level of financial assistance is also provided to a Member whose permanent residence is outside Metropolitan Adelaide but who does not qualify for the existing accommodation allowance because they do not live more than 75 kilometres from the GPO.

- 3.2 Having regard to recent increases in CPI being offset by a decrease in domestic holiday travel and accommodation by 5.4%, the Tribunal has decided that the allowances should remain as provided by Determination 8 of 2014.



John Lewin
PRESIDENT



Nicola Vincent
MEMBER



Peter Alexander
MEMBER

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