

REPORT AND DETERMINATION OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
MINISTERS OF THE CROWN AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

A. REPORT

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 The last determination covering these matters was issued on April 2008, viz Determination No. 3 of 2008, with the increases detailed within the determination operating from May 2008.

2. TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES FOR MINISTERS AND THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

- 2.1 Having regard to the increased travelling and accommodation allowances granted to the South Australian public sector and to Court Officers, Judges and Statutory Officers the Tribunal believes justification exists to increase these allowances. Consequently, the Tribunal has determined to provide equivalent increases to the travelling and accommodation allowances for Ministers of the Crown, the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to operate on and from 4 May 2009.

3. COUNTRY MEMBERS ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCE

- 3.1 Also having regard to increased accommodation allowances granted to the South Australian public sector and to Court Officers, Judges and Statutory Officers the Tribunal believes justification exists to increase the Country Members Accommodation allowance.

B. DETERMINATION

1. SCOPE OF DETERMINATION

This Determination applies to Ministers of the Crown, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the Country Members of Parliament.

2. TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES

- 2.1 A Minister who actually incurs expenditure when travelling on official business shall be paid:
- 2.1.1 Outside the metropolitan area, as defined by the *Development Act 1993*, but within the State - up to two hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$234) per day;
- 2.1.2 Interstate - up to four hundred and thirty-nine dollars (\$439) per day for Sydney and up to four hundred and six dollars (\$406) per day for places other than Sydney;
- 2.1.3 Any extra expenditure necessarily incurred in addition to the allowances provided in 2.1.1 and 2.1.2.

2.2 The allowances provided by this clause shall also be payable to the Leader of the Opposition who actually incurs expenditure when travelling on official business, and to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition when he or she deputises, at the Leader's request, for the Leader of the Opposition in his or her official capacity.

3. COUNTRY MEMBERS ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCE

3.1 A Member of either House of Parliament (including a Minister of the Crown or the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly) whose usual place of residence is more than 75 kilometres by road from the General Post Office at Adelaide and who is required to stay in Adelaide overnight in order to attend not only to parliamentary duties but also to the Member's duty to be actively involved in community affairs and to represent and assist constituents in dealings with governmental and other public agencies and authorities, shall be paid an accommodation allowance of two hundred and seven dollars (\$207) for each such night up to a maximum of twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and forty-five dollars (\$27,945) for each twelve month period commencing on and from 1 July 2009.

4. DATE OF OPERATION

The allowances prescribed in Clause 2 and 3 of this Determination shall operate on and from 4 May 2009 unless otherwise prescribed in this Determination and supersede those prescribed previously in Determination No. 3 of 2008.


H.R. BACHMANN
PRESIDENT


J.A. MEEKING
MEMBER


D. J. SMYTHE
MEMBER

8th April 2009