



No. 6 of 2013

## **DETERMINATION AND REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL COMMUNICATION ALLOWANCE FOR JUDGES AND RELATED OFFICER HOLDERS**

### **SCOPE OF DETERMINATION**

The Remuneration Tribunal is given jurisdiction under Section 13 of the *Remuneration Act 1990* (the Act), to determine the remuneration payable to the persons appointed to the public offices listed in that section of the Act (and in 2.1 and 2.2 of the Determination). Section 8 of the Act requires the Tribunal to review at least once each year, any previous determination of remuneration made under the Act.

Section 3 of the Act defines remuneration to include; salary, allowances, expenses, fees and any other benefit of a pecuniary nature.

### **1. REPORT**

- 1.1 The Communication Allowance payable to Judges and related officer holders has been varied to reflect the increased costs in maintaining mobile telephone, landline telephone and out of office internet services. The allowance has not been adjusted since it was first established by Determination No. 5 of 2008.
- 1.2 In its submission to the Tribunal in May 2008, the Judicial Remuneration Co-ordinating Committee (JRCC) submitted that the communications allowance should be a fixed monetary amount, and should be adjusted from time to time according to movement in the telecommunications index component of the Consumer Price Index. Australian Bureau of Statistics data indicates that the Communications Index has moved by 4.46% between September 2008 and September 2013. Accordingly, the Tribunal has determined to increase the Communication Allowance by 4.5%.

### **2. DETERMINATION**

2.1 “**Judges**” means any of the following members of the judiciary:

the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;  
Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court;  
Masters of the Supreme Court;  
the Chief Judge of the District Court;  
Judges of the Environment, Resources and Development Court;  
Masters of the District Court;  
other District Court Judges;  
the Chief Magistrate;  
the Deputy Chief Magistrate;  
Supervising Magistrates;  
the Assisting Supervising Magistrate of the Adelaide Magistrates Court;  
Stipendiary Magistrates;  
the Supervising Industrial Magistrate;  
other Industrial Magistrates;

the Senior Judge of the Industrial Relations Court and President of the Workers Compensation Tribunal;  
the President of the Industrial Relations Commission and Judge of the Industrial Relations Court;  
other Judges of the Industrial Relations Court who hold joint commissions in the Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Industrial Relations Commission of South Australia.

2.2 **“Related Office Holder”** means any of the following:

the State Coroner;  
Deputy Presidents of the Industrial Relations Commission;  
Commissioners of the Industrial Relations Commission; and  
Commissioners of the Environment, Resources and Development Court.

### **3. COMMUNICATION ALLOWANCE**

3.1 Judges and related office holders, as defined in Clause 2 of this Determination will receive a Communication Allowance of \$1,254 per annum (payable fortnightly) to assist with the costs associated with mobile telephone, landline telephone and internet usage incurred in relation to the conduct of their official duties.

3.2 The Remuneration Tribunal may adjust the Communication Allowance and associated conditions from time to time.

### **4. DATE OF OPERATION**

The allowance prescribed in Clause 3 of this Determination shall operate on and from 1 January 2014, and replaces in entirety the previous determination providing a Communications Allowance for the persons whose office is listed herein.



Deane R Prior  
**PRESIDENT**

25 November 2013



David J Smythe  
**MEMBER**