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REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
2017 REVIEW OF ELECTORATE ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

INTRODUCTION

1. The *Remuneration Act 1990* (“the Act”) was introduced to establish an independent tribunal to determine the remuneration payable to members of the judiciary, and the remuneration or part of the remuneration payable in respect of certain other offices. Section 14 of the Act provides that additional jurisdiction may be conferred on the Remuneration Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) by any other Act, or by proclamation of the Governor. Section 3A of the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* (“the PR Act”) confers jurisdiction on the Remuneration Tribunal to make a determination or perform any other function required by the PR Act.
2. Section 4(1)(c) of the PR Act provides that electorate allowances form part of the remuneration of members of the Parliament. Section 8(2) of the Act requires the Tribunal to review previous Determinations of remuneration under the Act at least once in each year.

BACKGROUND

3. Electoral Allowances are provided to members of the Parliament to meet the costs of discharging their duties in the Electoral District the member represents. In 2016, the Tribunal conducted its annual review of electorate allowances for members of the Parliament, deciding not to award an increase to the levels of those allowances.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

4. Section 10(2) of the Act, requires that before the making of 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.
5. The Tribunal wrote to the Premier, as the Minister responsible for the Act, and the members of the Parliament on 9 October 2017, notifying the parties of the Tribunal’s intention to review the relevant electorate allowance Determination, and inviting submissions with a closing date of 31 October 2017. A notice of the review was also placed on the Tribunal’s public website. No submissions were received by the Tribunal.

CONCLUSION

6. The Tribunal has conducted its annual review of electorate allowances for 2017. The electorate allowance is an allowance in respect of discharging parliamentary duties within the electorate the member of the Parliament represents. In the absence of any submissions, the Tribunal is unable to discern what expenses of this kind have increased which would justify a variation in the level of the allowance.
7. Accordingly, the terms of Determination 17 of 2016 will continue to apply.



John Lewin
PRESIDENT



Peter Alexander
MEMBER



Pamela Martin
MEMBER

Dated this 22nd day of November 2017.