



No. 15 of 2018

REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – JUDGES, COURT OFFICERS AND
STATUTORY OFFICERS

INTRODUCTION

1. The Remuneration Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) has jurisdiction under section 13 of the *Remuneration Act 1990* (“the Act”), to determine the remuneration payable to judicial officers. The Tribunal also has jurisdiction, under section 14 of the Act, to determine the remuneration payable to holders of certain statutory public offices, some of whom are subject to this Report.
2. The Act defines remuneration as including; salary, allowances, expenses, fees and any other benefit of a pecuniary nature.
3. This report deals with the conveyance allowances payable to Judges, Court Officers and those statutory officers to whom it currently applies. Conveyance allowance is provided for meeting the costs associated with leasing a motor vehicle through Fleet SA.

BACKGROUND

4. The last review of the conveyance allowance was conducted in 2017, which resulted in the making of Determination 9 of 2017. That Determination provided for three levels of conveyance allowance amounts as follows:
 - \$17,541 per annum;
 - \$16,551 per annum; and
 - \$15,298 per annum.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

5. 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.
6. The Tribunal, by letters dated 18 September 2018, sent notifications of the review to the Judicial Remuneration Coordinating Committee (“JRCC”), the Magistrates Association of South Australia (“MASA”), and the Premier, as the Minister responsible for the Act. The Tribunal also distributed notices of the review to the Statutory Office Holders to which the accompanying Determination applies, on the same date.
7. On 19 September 2018, the Tribunal distributed an email notification of the review to judicial officers. Additionally, a notice of the review was also placed on the Tribunal’s website.

SUBMISSIONS

8. The JRCC submitted that the Tribunal should review the amount of the conveyance allowance in the usual way and otherwise make a determination that reflects the terms of Determination No. 9 of 2017.
9. The Crown Solicitor's Office ("CSO"), on behalf of the Hon. Premier, submitted that the Conveyance Allowance should be updated in the customary manner, by reference to the standard methodology.
10. No other submissions were received by the Tribunal.

CONSIDERATION

11. The Tribunal has conducted a review of relevant information concerning the cost of leasing motor vehicles. No increase in the costs analysed in that information is indicated which would justify any variation in the current level of the allowances.
12. Accordingly, a Determination has been issued with a minor amendment to the terms of Determination 9 of 2017¹. In the accompanying Determination, the office of *Deputy Chief Magistrate* has been removed, as that office no longer exists.



John Lewin
PRESIDENT



Peter Alexander
MEMBER



Pamela Martin
MEMBER

Dated this 17th day of December 2018

¹ Remuneration Tribunal Determination 9 of 2017 – Conveyance Allowance for Judges, Court Officers and Statutory Officers
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