

DETERMINATION AND REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

1. The *Constitution Act*, 1934 provides for the establishment of an Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission to review and carry out periodic redistribution of the boundaries of the State's House of Assembly electoral districts. The Commission has perpetual succession and the functions of a Royal Commission.
2. The members of the Commission are:
 - 2.1 the most senior Supreme Court puisne judge available, appointed by the Chief Justice, to be the Chairman;
 - 2.2 the Electoral Commissioner; and
 - 2.3 the Surveyor-General.
3. Section 78(7) of the *Constitution Act*, 1934 states that "The members of the Commission (other than the Chairman) are entitled to remuneration determined by the Remuneration Tribunal."
4. When the Remuneration Tribunal determined the remuneration for the Electoral Commissioner it decided (refer to Report relating to Determination No. 2 of 1997) that any remuneration determined in the separate inquiry under Section 78(7) of the *Constitution Act* would be in addition to the Electoral Commissioner's salary.
5. The Tribunal received from the Chairman, the Honourable Justice Prior, copies of the 2003 Report of the Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission and a summary of the Commissioner's hours spent at formal meetings and public hearings for the period February 2001 to March 2003. This information did not include the hours Commissioners spent reading relevant materials, preparing for meetings and hearings, or travelling time in attending country hearings.
6. The Tribunal notes the request from the Chairman of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission inviting the Tribunal to make a separate determination for the Deputy Electoral Commissioner, Mr David Gully, pursuant to Section 7 of the Electoral Act for "his knowledge and expertise in the setting up and operation of the computer systems that assist the Commission with its deliberations".

The Tribunal has considered this request and considers it more appropriate to address this matter as part of the annual review process for Statutory Officers, which is due to commence in September 2003. Accordingly the Tribunal invites further submissions relating to this matter as part of that process.

7. Having regard to the nature and extent of the additional work and responsibility of the two Commissioners, the Tribunal determines that an allowance of \$14,000 shall be paid to the Electoral Commissioner and the Surveyor-General.

HR Bachmann
PRESIDENT

D Flux
MEMBER

JA Meeking
MEMBER

Dated: 20 June 2003