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# DETERMINATION OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL PER DIEM ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL ALLOWANCES FOR MINISTERS OF THE CROWN AND THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

#### SCOPE OF DETERMINATION

1. This Determination applies to Ministers of the Crown, and to the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

### INTERPRETATION

- 2. In this Determination, unless the contrary appears:
  - "Commercial Accommodation" means short term (not permanent) accommodation in a commercial establishment such as a hotel, motel or serviced apartment and must be a genuine arms-length commercial transaction. Commercial Accommodation does not include AirBnB or other "sharing economy" type accommodation.
  - "Incurs Actual Expenditure" means an amount of money spent by a Minister, Member or Officer of the Parliament.
  - "Metropolitan Adelaide" bears the same meaning as defined in the *Development Act* 1993.
  - "Meals" means food or drink purchased by a Minister, Member or Officer of the Parliament in connection with an allowance payable under this Determination.
  - "Minister" means a Minister of the Crown in right of the State of South Australia.
  - "Official Duties" means activities undertaken by a Member of Parliament in relation to their role as a Minister, or their role as the Leader or acting Leader of the Opposition.
  - "Per Diem" means per day in relation to the allowances payable under this Determination.
  - "Sydney" means locations which are less then 10km by road from the Sydney General Post Office (by the most direct route), or less then 5km by road from Sydney's principal airport (by the most direct route).

## **ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL ALLOWANCES**

3. A Minister who incurs actual expenditure for both commercial accommodation and meals when travelling as part their official duties and which necessitates absence from home overnight shall be entitled to be paid a per diem accommodation and meal allowance, as follows:

- 3.1. Outside Metropolitan Adelaide, but within South Australia:
  - 3.1.1. An allowance at the rate of \$304 per day:
  - 3.1.2. For the purpose of meeting expenditure in relation to commercial accommodation and meals.
- 3.2. Outside South Australia, but within Australia (other than Sydney):
  - 3.2.1. An allowance at the rate of \$454 per day;
  - 3.2.2. For the purpose of meeting expenditure in relation to commercial accommodation and meals.
- 3.3. Sydney:
  - 3.3.1. An allowance at the rate of \$512 per day;
  - 3.3.2. For the purpose of meeting expenditure in relation to commercial accommodation and meals.
- 3.4. Provided that, where it is necessary and appropriate, reasonable additional expenditure to that prescribed by the allowances in 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 for the purposes of commercial accommodation and meals may be reimbursed on the basis evidence being produced of that additional expenditure.
- 4. The allowances provided by this Determination shall also be payable to the Leader of the Opposition, 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.

#### **DATE OF OPERATION**

5. This Determination shall have operative effect on and from 1 October 2021 and supersedes in full the previous Determination in relation to per diem accommodation and meal allowances for the above office holders.

Matthew O'Callaghan **PRESIDENT** 

Deborah Black **MEMBER** 

Peter de Cure MEMBER

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Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.