



No. 15 of 2025

REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

2025 Review of Reimbursement of Expenses Applicable to the Electorate of Mawson – Travel to and from Kangaroo Island by Ferry and Aircraft

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Remuneration Tribunal (**Tribunal**) has conducted a review of Determination 6 of 2023, which allows the Member for the Electorate of Mawson to claim reimbursements for expenses necessarily incurred travelling by ferry or aircraft between Kangaroo Island and the Fleurieu Peninsula for electoral purposes (**Reimbursable Allowance**).
2. As explained in this report, the Tribunal has determined to index the Reimbursable Allowance in Determination 6 of 2023 by 2.4% and to issue a new Determination which supersedes Determination 6 of 2023.

BACKGROUND

3. Sections 3A(2) and 3A(3) of the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* (SA) (**PR Act**) in conjunction with section 14 of the *Remuneration Act 1990* (SA) (**Act**) provide that the Tribunal has jurisdiction to set different or unique electorate allowances for Members of Parliament based upon their electorate.
4. In Determination 6 of 2023 the Tribunal used this jurisdiction to provide for the Reimbursable Allowance of \$4,100.
5. As required by section 8 of the Act, the Tribunal has conducted its annual review of the Reimbursable Allowance.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

6. On 9 October 2025, and in accordance with sections 10(2) and 10(4) of the Act, the Tribunal wrote to and invited submissions by 30 October 2025 in respect of this review from:
 - a. the Honourable Premier of South Australia – as the Minister responsible for the Act who may make submissions or introduce evidence in the public interest;
 - b. Members of Parliament;
 - c. the Treasurer; and
 - d. the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption.
7. The Tribunal also placed a notice on its website from 9 October 2025 inviting submissions from affected persons by 30 October 2025.
8. On 10 October 2025, the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption confirmed that no submission would be made.

9. On 20 October 2025, the Premier's representative confirmed that no submission would be made.
10. No other submissions were received in respect of this review.

CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

11. In reviewing this entitlement, the Tribunal has had due regard to the necessary statutory considerations under section 4(2)(a) of the PR Act. That section of the PR Act provides that the Tribunal must, in determining electorate allowances and other remuneration for Members of Parliament, have regard not only to their parliamentary duties, but also to:
 - a. Their duty to be actively involved in community affairs; and
 - b. Their duty to represent and assist their constituents in dealings with governmental and other public agencies and authorities.
12. The Tribunal recognises that the Member for Mawson is in a unique situation, which warrants a separate reimbursable allowance to be payable for travel to and from Kangaroo Island.
13. The Tribunal has considered the cost of journeys between the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island. From information available to the Tribunal, the vehicle fare on the SeaLink Kangaroo Island Ferry Service (**Ferry**) has not increased since 1 September 2023, however, the passenger fare has increased by 7% per person.
14. The Tribunal has also observed that while air fare prices from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island have remained relatively stable since its last review, the Consumer Price Index (Adelaide) for the year to September 2025 has risen by 2.4%.
15. Despite the costs for air travel to Kangaroo Island and the vehicle fare on the Ferry have remained stable, the Tribunal is mindful of the increase in the passenger fare for the Ferry.
16. Accordingly, the Tribunal has determined to increase the Reimbursable Allowance by 2.4% to offset the increased passenger fare.
17. While the Member for Mawson may also, at their own discretion, use their electorate allowance for the same purpose, the Tribunal is open to the provision of any further information over the coming year, that the Member for Mawson considers relevant to the operation of this allowance.
18. The Tribunal notes that the allowance is paid upon the provision of a receipt, evidencing the travel expenses being claimed. This process will continue to apply.
19. The Determination giving effect to this Report will come into effect on 1 December 2025.



Matthew O'Callaghan
PRESIDENT



Donny Walford
MEMBER



Mark Young
MEMBER

Dated: 9 December 2025