



No. 6 of 2026

DETERMINATION OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

2026 Review of Allowances for Elected Members of Adelaide City Council and Elected Members of Local Government Councils

SCOPE OF DETERMINATION

1. The Remuneration Tribunal has jurisdiction under section 76 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (LG Act)* and section 24 of the *City of Adelaide Act 1998 (City of Adelaide Act)* to determine the allowance payable to elected members of Councils constituted under the LG Act and City of Adelaide Act.
2. This Determination applies to elected members of Councils constituted under the LG Act and the City of Adelaide Act, subject to the exclusions and qualifications set out below.
3. This Determination applies to the District Council of Coober Pedy. However, the District Council of Coober Pedy may apply to the Tribunal for a differential determination to address its unique circumstances as it transitions out of administration.
4. This Determination does not apply to the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs.

INTERPRETATION

5. In this Determination, unless the contrary appears:

Annual Allowance Amount means the annual allowance amount for the relevant Council Group specified in clause 7.

Committee means a committee established by the Council pursuant to section 41 of the LG Act.

Council Group means the Council Group allocated to the relevant Council in Appendix 1.

Councillor means a person appointed or elected as a member of a Council constituted under the LG Act or the City of Adelaide Act, other than the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide.

Deferred Local Government Elections means the local government elections postponed from November 2026 to April 2027 by the *Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Act 2026 (SA)*.

Distance Qualification means the distance, measured by the most direct road route, between an Eligible Councillor's usual place of residence and the Principal Office of the relevant Non-Metropolitan Council.

Eligible Councillor means a Councillor of a Non-Metropolitan Council, other than a Mayor, whose usual place of residence is within the area of the relevant Non-Metropolitan Council.

Non-Metropolitan Council means any of the Councils listed in Appendix 2.

Prescribed Committee means a committee that endures, irrespective of whether Council has assigned any particular work for the committee to perform, and assists the Council or provides advice to the Council in any of the following areas or any combination thereof:

- Audit
- Chief Executive Officer Performance Review
- Corporate Services
- Finance
- Governance
- Infrastructure and Works
- Risk Management
- Strategic Planning and Development

Presiding Member of a Committee Allowance means the allowance payable under clause 11 or Clause 20 to a Councillor who is the Presiding Member of a Committee.

Principal Office means the Principal Office of the relevant Non-Metropolitan Council pursuant to section 45 of the LG Act.

Travel Time Allowance means the annual allowance payable to an Eligible Councillor under clause 21.

ALLOWANCES

Councillors

6. The allowance payable to a Councillor is the Annual Allowance Amount for the Council Group allocated to the relevant Council in Appendix 1, subject to any higher, additional or alternative allowance payable under this Determination.
7. The Annual Allowance Amounts for each Council Group are as follows:

Council Group	Annual Allowance Amount
A	\$34,394
B	\$32,072
C	\$25,242
D	\$20,902
E	\$16,751
F	\$13,371

Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Presiding Members of Prescribed Committees and their Acting Arrangements

8. The annual allowance payable to a Councillor who holds a role specified in the following table is calculated by applying the relevant multiplier to the Annual Allowance Amount for the Council Group of the relevant Council:

Role	Multiplier
Mayor	4
Deputy Mayor	1.25
Presiding Member of one or more Prescribed Committees	1.25

9. An acting allowance is payable to a Councillor where an acting arrangement specified in the following table continues for a continuous period of at least one month. The allowance is payable for the whole period during which the duties of the acting role are undertaken and is calculated by reference to the allowance applicable to that acting role:

Acting arrangements	Acting role multiplier
Deputy Mayor undertaking the duties of the Mayor	Mayor
Deputy Presiding Member of a Prescribed Committee undertaking the duties of the Presiding Member of that Prescribed Committee	Presiding Member of a Prescribed Committee

10. The allowances under clauses 8 and 9 are not cumulative. If a Councillor holds more than one role to which clause 8 or clause 9 applies, the Councillor is entitled only to the highest applicable allowance.

Presiding Members of a Committee Allowance

11. The Presiding Member of a Committee Allowance is payable to a Councillor who is the Presiding Member of one or more Committees in accordance with the following table:

Council Group	Presiding Member of a Committee Allowance
A	\$368 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$3,680 per annum
B	\$303 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$3,030 per annum
C	\$223 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$2,230 per annum
D	\$223 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$2,230 per annum
E & F	\$146 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$1,460 per annum

12. For the avoidance of doubt, a Councillor is entitled to only one Presiding Member of a Committee Allowance, and only one applicable annual maximum, regardless of the number of Committees for which the Councillor is the Presiding Member.
13. The Presiding Member of a Committee Allowance is not payable to a Councillor who receives any higher allowance under this Determination, including an allowance as a Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Presiding Member of a Prescribed Committee.
14. If a Deputy Presiding Member of a Committee undertakes the duties of the Presiding Member of that Committee for a continuous period of at least one month, the Deputy Presiding Member is entitled, for the whole period during which those duties are undertaken, to the Presiding Member of a Committee Allowance specified in clause 11, unless the Councillor receives a higher allowance under this Determination.

City of Adelaide Allowances

15. The allowances in this section apply to Councillors who undertake the specified roles for the City of Adelaide. To the extent of any inconsistency between this section and clauses 6 to 14, this section prevails.

The Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide

16. The allowance payable to the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide is \$233,506 per annum.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Presiding Members of Prescribed Committees and Presiding Members of Committees

17. The annual allowance for the Deputy Lord Mayor will be equal to one and a half (1.5) times the Annual Allowance Amount for Council Group A.
18. The annual allowance for a Councillor (other than the Deputy Lord Mayor) who is the Presiding Member of a Prescribed Committee or more than one Prescribed Committees established by the Adelaide City Council will be equal to one and a quarter (1.25) times the Annual Allowance Amount for Council Group A. The level of allowance is payable at a maximum of 1.25 times only and does not multiply for each of the qualifying criteria.
19. An additional allowance in the form of a sitting fee is payable to a Councillor (other than the Deputy Lord Mayor or a Presiding Member of a Prescribed Committee) who is the Presiding Member of a Committee, that is not a Prescribed Committee, at the rate of allowance of \$368 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount of allowance of \$3,680 per annum. For the avoidance of doubt, a Councillor is entitled to only one Presiding Member of a Committee Allowance, regardless of the number of Committees for which the Councillor is the Presiding Member.
20. A Deputy Presiding Member of a Prescribed Committee or a Committee who undertakes the duties of a Presiding Member of that Committee for a minimum period of one month will receive the relevant Presiding Member Allowance for the entirety of the time they undertake those expanded duties, subject to the limitations in clauses 18 and 19.

Travel Time Allowance

21. The Travel Time Allowance is payable annually to an Eligible Councillor who satisfies the Distance Qualification, in the amount set out in the following table:

Distance Qualification	Annual Travel Time Allowance Amount
At least 30 km but less than 50 km	\$539
At least 50 km but less than 75 km	\$920
At least 75 km but less than 100 km	\$1,380
100 km or more	\$1,957

22. The Travel Time Allowance is payable to an Eligible Councillor in addition to any entitlement to reimbursement of expenses actually incurred.

DATE OF OPERATION

23. Pursuant to section 76(8) of the LG Act and section 24(8) of the City of Adelaide Act, this Determination will come into operation on the conclusion of the Deferred Local Government Elections.

24. This Determination supersedes Determinations 2 of 2022, 3 of 2022 and 5 of 2022.



Matthew O'Callaghan
PRESIDENT



Donny Walford
MEMBER



Mark Young
MEMBER

Dated: 18 September 2026

Appendix 1

Council	Council Group
City of Adelaide	A
City of Onkaparinga	B
City of Charles Sturt	B
City of Port Adelaide Enfield	B
City of Salisbury	B
City of Playford	B
City of Tea Tree Gully	B
City of Marion	B
City of Holdfast Bay	B
City of West Torrens	B
City of Mitcham	B
Mount Barker District Council	B
Campbelltown City Council	B
Alexandrina Council	B
City of Burnside	C
City of Unley	C
Adelaide Hills Council	C
Rural City of Murray Bridge	C
City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters	C
The Barossa Council	C
City of Mount Gambier	C
Yorke Peninsula Council	C
Copper Coast Council	C
City of Whyalla	C
Town of Gawler	C
City of Victor Harbor	C
Port Augusta City Council	C
Wattle Range Council	C
Mid Murray Council	C
Port Pirie Regional Council	C
City of Prospect	C
Light Regional Council	C
City of Port Lincoln	D
District Council of Loxton Waikerie	D
Renmark Paringa Council	D
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	D
Berri Barmora Council	D
Kangaroo Island Council	D
Municipal Council of Roxby Downs	Excluded Council
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	D
Tatiara District Council	D
Coorong District Council	E
Southern Limestone Coast Council	E
Wakefield Regional Council	E
District Council of Coober Pedy	E
District Council of Yankalilla	E
Lower Eyre Council	E
Adelaide Plains Council	E
Northern Areas Council	E
Regional Council of Goyder	E
District Council of Ceduna	E
Town of Walkerville	E

Council	Council Group
District Council of Streaky Bay	E
District Council of Mount Remarkable	E
Kingston District Council	F
Barunga West Council	F
Southern Mallee District Council	F
District Council of Robe	F
District Council of Tumby Bay	F
District Council of Cleve	F
District Council of Kimba	F
District Council of Franklin Harbour	F
Wudinna District Council	F
District Council of Elliston	F
The Flinders Ranges Council	F
District Council of Peterborough	F
District Council of Karoonda East Murray	F
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	F

Appendix 2

Non-Metropolitan Council
Adelaide Hills Council
Adelaide Plains Council
Alexandrina Council
Barunga West Council
Berri Barmera Council
City of Whyalla
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
Coorong District Council
Copper Coast Council
District Council of Ceduna
District Council of Cleve
District Council of Coober Pedy
District Council of Elliston
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