



No. 13 of 2025

DETERMINATION OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

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, Airbnb or similar platform and must be a genuine arms-length commercial transaction.

“**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* (SA).

“**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 the 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.

“**Sydney**” means locations which are less than 10km by road from the Sydney General Post Office (by the most direct route), or less than 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 of their official duties and which necessitates absence from home overnight shall be entitled to be paid a per day accommodation and meal allowance, as follows:
 - 3.1. Outside Metropolitan Adelaide, but within South Australia:
 - 3.1.1. An allowance at the rate of \$329 per day 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 \$489 per day 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 \$533 per day 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 of evidence being produced of that additional expenditure.
4. A Minister who travels interstate and return on the same day may be reimbursed for lunch only on the basis of actual expenditure up to \$27.13. Reimbursement is not to be made for lunch during single day absences within South Australia.
5. 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

6. This Determination operates from 1 January 2026. It supersedes Determination 8 of 2024.



Matthew O'Callaghan
PRESIDENT



Donny Walford
MEMBER



Mark Young
MEMBER

Dated: 9 December 2025