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REPORT AND DETERMINATION OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES
MINISTERS OF THE CROWN AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

A. REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Section 4(1)(c) of the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* (SA), confers jurisdiction on the Remuneration Tribunal to determine from time to time electorate allowances and other allowances and expenses for Members of Parliament.
- 1.2 Section 3 of the *Remuneration Act 1990*, defines such allowances and expenses as remuneration, and section 8(2) of the Act requires the Tribunal to review previous determinations of remuneration under this Act at least once in each year.
- 1.3 The last determination covering these matters was Determination and Report No. 1 of 2011, issued in April 2011.
- 1.4 Section 10(2) of the *Remuneration Act 1990*, requires that before making a determination affecting the remuneration of a particular person, or persons of a particular class, the Tribunal must allow that person, or persons of that class, a reasonable opportunity to make submissions.
- 1.5 On 7 May 2012, and in accordance with legislative provisions, the Tribunal wrote to Members of Parliament and the Premier, advising that the Tribunal was to conduct a review of Determination 1 of 2011, and invited submissions for consideration by the Tribunal in its review of the Travelling and Accommodation Allowances.
- 1.6 Four submissions were received by the Tribunal, some of which related to the effect of existing rules and entitlements on a particular member's circumstances. After careful consideration, the Tribunal was not persuaded to change the rules and entitlements attaching to the Allowances.

2. TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES FOR MINISTERS AND THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

- 2.1 Having regard to the increased travelling and accommodation allowances granted to the South Australian public sector and to Court Officers, Judges and Statutory Officers, the Tribunal believes justification exists to increase these allowances. Consequently, the Tribunal has determined to provide equivalent increases to the

travelling and accommodation allowances for Ministers of the Crown, the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to operate on and from 1 July 2012.

3. COUNTRY MEMBERS ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCE

- 3.1 Having regard to increases in hotel accommodation prices, increased accommodation allowances granted to the South Australian public sector and to Court Officers, Judges and Statutory Officers the Tribunal believes justification exists to increase the Country Members Accommodation allowance.

B. DETERMINATION

1. SCOPE OF DETERMINATION

This Determination applies to Ministers of the Crown, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the Country Members of Parliament.

2. TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES

- 2.1 A Minister who actually incurs expenditure when travelling on official business shall be paid:

2.1.1 Outside the metropolitan area, as defined by the *Development Act 1993*, but within the State - up to two hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$252) per day for meals and accommodation;

2.1.2 Interstate - up to four hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$452) per day for Sydney and up to four hundred and eighteen dollars (\$418) per day for places other than Sydney, for meals and accommodation;

2.1.3 Any extra expenditure necessarily incurred in addition to the allowances provided in 2.1.1 and 2.1.2.

- 2.2 The allowances provided by this clause shall also be payable to the Leader of the Opposition who actually incurs expenditure when travelling on official business, 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.

3. COUNTRY MEMBERS ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCE


- 3.1 A Member of either House of Parliament (including a Minister of the Crown or the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly) whose usual place of residence is more than 75 kilometers by road from the General Post Office at Adelaide and who is required to stay in Adelaide overnight in order to attend not only to parliamentary duties but also to the Member's duty to be actively involved in community affairs and to represent and assist constituents in dealings with governmental and other public agencies and authorities, shall be paid an accommodation allowance of two hundred and seventeen dollars (\$217) for each such night up to a maximum of twenty-nine thousand, two hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$29,295) for each twelve month period commencing on and from 1 July 2012.

4. **DATE OF OPERATION**

The allowances prescribed in Clause 2 and 3 of this Determination shall operate on and from 1 July 2012 unless otherwise prescribed in this Determination and supersede those prescribed previously in Determination No. 1 of 2011.



Deane R Prior
PRESIDENT



Julie A Obst
MEMBER



David J Smythe
MEMBER

29 June 2012