



No. 3 of 2014

DETERMINATION AND REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – JUDGES, COURT OFFICERS AND STATUTORY OFFICERS

SCOPE OF DETERMINATION

The Remuneration Tribunal is given jurisdiction under Sections 13 of the *Remuneration Act 1990* (the Act), to determine the remuneration payable to the judiciary, magistrates and certain other judicial officers. The Tribunal is also given jurisdiction under Section 14 of the Act to determine the remuneration payable to holders of certain statutory public offices. The Act defines remuneration as including; salary, allowances, expenses, fees and any other benefit of a pecuniary nature.

This Determination deals with the conveyance allowance payable to Judges, Court Officers and those Statutory Officers whose position comes within the ambit of Section 14.

Section 8 of the Act requires the Tribunal to review at least once each year, any previous determination of remuneration made under the Act.

A. REPORT

The previous determination dealing with the conveyance allowance payable to Judges, Court Officers and Statutory Officers (Determination 4 of 2013) has been reviewed and updated. Accordingly, this Determination 3 of 2014 has been issued to replace Determination 4 of 2013.

The allowances at clause 2 in this determination have been adjusted to reflect increases in the Fleet SA Annual Charges Payable.

In accordance with recent amendments to the *Magistrates Act 1983*, clause 1.1 of this Determination has been varied by designating the Chief Magistrate as a Judge of the District Court and by removing the positions of Supervising Magistrate and Assistant Supervising Magistrate from the definition of "judge".

B. DETERMINATION

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1. In this Determination, unless the contrary appears:

"Court Officer" means Commissioners of the Environment, Resources and Development Court;

"Executives" means persons appointed to an executive position under the *Public Sector Act 2009*;

"Judges" means any of the following members of the judiciary:
the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court;
Masters of the Supreme Court;
the Chief Judge of the District Court;

Judges of the Environment, Resources and Development Court;
Masters of the District Court;
Other District Court Judges;
the Chief Magistrate (as a Judge of the District Court);
the Deputy Chief Magistrate;
Stipendiary Magistrates;
the Supervising Industrial Magistrate;
other Industrial Magistrates;
the State Coroner;
the Deputy State Coroner;
the Senior Judge of the Industrial Relations Court and President of the Workers Compensation Tribunal;
the President of the Industrial Relations Commission and Judge of the Industrial Relations Court;
other Judges of the Industrial Relations Court who hold joint commissions in Fair Work Australia and the Industrial Relations Commission of South Australia.

“Registrar” means the "Industrial Registrar" or "Registrar" within the meaning of the *Fair Work Act 1994* (SA) and the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986* (SA).

“Relevant authority” means:

- (a) the State Courts Administrator in relation to Judges and Court Officers;
- (b) the Registrar in relation to members of the Industrial Relations Court and Commission of South Australia, and the Workers Compensation Tribunal including members who are Statutory Officers;
- (c) the Director, Fleet SA in relation to other Statutory Officers.

“Retirement” bears the same meaning as in the *Judges’ Pensions Act 1971*, the *Superannuation Act 1988* and the *Southern State Superannuation Act 2009*.

“Resignation” bears the same meaning as in the *Judges’ Pensions Act 1971*, the *Superannuation Act 1988*, and the *Southern State Superannuation Act 2009*.

“Statutory Officers” means any of the following statutory office holders:

Deputy Presidents of the Industrial Relations Commission;
Commissioners of the Industrial Relations Commission;
the Auditor General;
the Electoral Commissioner;
the Deputy Electoral Commissioner;
the Employee Ombudsman; and
the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner.

- 1.2. For the purposes of this Determination, **“salary”** bears the same meaning as in the *Judges’ Pensions Act 1971*, *Southern State Superannuation Act 2009*, and in the *Superannuation Act 1988*, to the intent and effect that any amount paid by way of conveyance allowance is not “salary”, and that any abatement or reduction of salary in accordance with this Determination will not affect the determination of entitlements or obligations pursuant to those Acts.

2. CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCES

2.1. Amount of Allowances

Subject to the conditions set out in this Determination, Judges, Court Officers and Statutory Officers are entitled to receive a Conveyance Allowance payable fortnightly at an annual rate as follows:

2.1.1 For:

Judges of the Supreme Court;
the Chief Judge of the District Court;
the Senior Judge of the Industrial Relations Court;
the President of the Industrial Relations Commission; and
the Auditor General;

an amount which is the higher of:

- a) \$20,118; and
- b) the amount determined from time to time by Fleet SA as the annual charge payable by Executives for a Holden Calais VF V-Series Sedan, less the sum of \$758.

2.1.2 For:
Judges of the District Court;
the Chief Magistrate;
Judges of the Industrial Relations Court;
Judges of the Environment, Resources and Development Court;
Masters of the Supreme Court;
the Electoral Commissioner; and
the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner;

an amount which is the higher of:

- a) \$17,751; and
- b) the amount determined from time to time by Fleet SA as the annual charge payable by Executives for a Holden Calais VF Sedan, less the sum of \$758.

2.1.3 For:
the Deputy Chief Magistrate;
Stipendiary Magistrates;
Industrial Magistrates;
Masters of the District Court;
the State Coroner;
the Deputy State Coroner;
Deputy Presidents (other than Judges) and Commissioners of the Industrial Relations Commission; and
Commissioners of the Environment, Resources and Development Court;
the Employee Ombudsman; and
the Deputy Electoral Commissioner;

an amount which is the higher of:

- a) \$15,192; and
- b) the amount determined from time to time by Fleet SA as the annual charge payable by Executives for a Holden Commodore VF Evoke Sedan, less the sum of \$758.

2.2. **Part Time Appointees**

Where a person to whom this Determination applies is appointed on a part time basis, that person is entitled to receive a Conveyance Allowance at a pro rata amount of the relevant allowance in clause 2.1, based on the number of ordinary hours worked as a proportion of the full time equivalent.

2.3. **Temporary Appointees**

Where a person who is not provided with a vehicle in their substantive position is appointed on a temporary basis to act as a Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer, that person is entitled after the expiration of the first calendar month of service to receive a Conveyance Allowance in accordance with clause 2.1.

2.4. **Use of Taxis and Private Vehicles**

2.4.1. **Judges and Court Officers**

A Judge or Court Officer is not entitled to use a government fleet vehicle allocated to the Courts Administration Authority, or to engage taxis or hire car at the expense of the State Courts Administrator, or to seek the payment of

any additional allowance for the use of a private vehicle, whether for official or unofficial purposes unless:

- (a) it has been certified by the State Courts Administrator that it was inefficient or not cost effective for the Judge or Court Officer to use the vehicle available for their official and private use; or
- (b) such use or engagement is consistent with a general direction given by the Chief Judicial Officer of the relevant Court, or in the case of Court Officers, the presiding officer of the relevant Tribunal, as to the circumstances where the vehicle available for official and private use, need not be used by reason of efficiency and cost effectiveness.

For members of the Industrial Relations Court and Commission of South Australia and the Workers Compensation Tribunal, the Registrar is the relevant approval authority.

An example of circumstances where such certification or general directions may be given is for journeys to and from the airport, where it may be more efficient or cost effective to use a taxi.

2.4.2. **Statutory Officers**

A Statutory Officer must not engage a taxi or hire car, and is not entitled to the payment of any additional allowance for the use of a private vehicle, whether for official or unofficial purposes, unless it is inefficient or not cost effective to use the vehicle available for the Officer's official and private use.

2.4.3. **Amount of Reimbursement**

Where any person subject to this determination is seeking payment of an additional allowance to cover the use of a private motor vehicle for official purposes, reimbursement of the cost will be made, calculated at the rate per kilometre at a rate equating to that pursuant to the SA Public Sector Salaried Employees Interim Award.

3. **VEHICLES FOR OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE USE**

3.1. **Selection of Vehicle**

Persons who are subject to this Determination are entitled, in accordance with the conditions specified herein, to elect to have allocated to them a motor vehicle of any model and type in the attached Schedule of vehicles (as varied from time to time). Notice of the selected motor vehicle should be made in writing as follows:

- by Judges and Court Officers to the State Courts Administrator;
- by members of the Industrial Relations Court and Commission of South Australia and the Workers Compensation Tribunal of South Australia to the Registrar, including members who are Statutory Officers;
- by other Statutory Officers to the Director, Fleet SA.

The annual charge payable for each vehicle, determined by Fleet SA on the same basis as the calculation made in respect of the use of motor vehicles by Executives, and current at the date of this Determination, is set out in the Schedule.

3.2. **Alternative Vehicle**

An alternative vehicle may be supplied where required because of a medical disability or the family circumstances of a Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer, but only where approved by the Remuneration Tribunal. The annual charge for the use of the vehicle will be calculated on the same basis as the calculation made by Fleet SA for annual charges for use of motor vehicles by Executives.

3.3. **Temporary Appointees**

Persons appointed on a temporary basis to act as a Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer are not entitled to make an election under clause 3.1.

3.4. Charges for Use of Vehicles

The amount payable by a Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer for the use of a selected vehicle is the amount set out in the Schedule adjacent to the description of the type of vehicle under the heading "Annual Charge Payable".

Where a person to whom this Determination applies is appointed on a part time basis, and elects pursuant to clause 3.1 to have a motor vehicle, the charge payable by that person pursuant to clause 3.5 shall be an amount determined by Fleet SA, which may be greater than the standard charge to a full time officer to appropriately reflect the proportionately greater private use of such a motor vehicle.

3.5. Payment of Vehicle Charges

If a Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer makes an election under clause 3.1 and a vehicle is supplied in accordance with that election, then the salary and allowances otherwise payable to the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer must be abated and reduced so as to offset the charges for the use of the vehicle for the period during which the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer has the use of the vehicle.

3.6. New Models or Types

3.6.1. If a new type of vehicle, or a new model of a type specified in the Schedule becomes available for selection in terms of 3.1 after the date of election but before the placement of a binding order, the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer is entitled to withdraw the original election and elect to take the new model or type of vehicle.

3.6.2. The annual charge payable for a new model or new type of vehicle is that amount determined by Fleet SA as the annual charge for private use of the vehicle by Executives. The annual charge takes into account the following:

- . purchase price and depreciation;
- . fuel, maintenance, insurance and registration costs and interest rates; (operating costs are calculated on the basis of an average of 70% private usage);
- . Goods and Services Tax (GST);
- . Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) based on an attributed business rate of 20,000 kilometres per year;
- . the vehicle being retained for 3 years or 60,000 kilometres travelled, whichever first occurs.

3.6.3. If a model or type of vehicle selected by a Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer becomes unavailable before the placement of a binding order, the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer must be advised accordingly and allowed to make a further election under clause 3.1.

3.6.4. If a model becomes unavailable after the date of placement of a binding order and a later or better model vehicle is supplied, any Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer who has selected the unavailable vehicle is liable only to pay the annual charge for the vehicle as selected, and not the charge payable for the vehicle as supplied.

3.7. Accessories

The Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer may choose to have manufacturer approved accessories fitted to the vehicle. The full cost of the accessories and the expense of having them fitted (including any tax incurred) is payable by the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer. When the vehicle is due for return the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer may have personally-installed accessories removed from the vehicle, providing the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer, meets the full cost of restoring the vehicle to the same condition as if the accessories had not been fitted. No compensation will be paid if options are left on the vehicle unless agreed by the relevant authority.

Options such as airbags, ABS brake systems and cruise control may not be removed, and tow bars must not be reinstalled on another vehicle.

3.8. **Retention of Vehicle**

Once having made an election and receiving the vehicle, the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer must keep the vehicle for a period equivalent to the period determined from time to time by Fleet SA as the period for the replacement of vehicles provided to Executives.

At the conclusion of that period the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer will be entitled to make a new election, or, if he or she does not make an election, to be paid the allowance.

3.9. **Conditions of Use**

The vehicle will be fully maintained, serviced and insured by the relevant authority.

Parking for the vehicle will be made available at or near the place of duty of the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer and the vehicle will be available for private and official use, subject to the following:

- 3.9.1. The Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer must make the vehicle available for official use (including for official use by the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer) at all times whilst the vehicle is parked at or near the usual place of work of the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer, and the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer, does not require the vehicle for private use.
- 3.9.2. The Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer will be authorised by the relevant authority to refuel the vehicle provided the vehicle is fuelled in accordance with any requirements specified by Fleet SA, which may include requirements that the vehicle be fuelled using a particular brand of motor fuel and that it be only fuelled in South Australia. (If fuelled otherwise than in accordance with those requirements, it will be at the cost of the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer).
- 3.9.3. The Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer must make the vehicle available as required by the relevant authority for the purposes of the maintenance and repair of the vehicle and must deliver the vehicle to such place as the relevant authority may specify for that purpose.
- 3.9.4. The relevant authority will ensure that Judges, Court Officers and Statutory Officers are insured (which may be pursuant to Government "self-insurance") in respect of compulsory third party liability, third party property damage and any property damage to the vehicle and will hold the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer harmless in respect of any such property damage. Personal items within the vehicle need not be covered. The Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer must comply with any requirements of the insurance policy of which the member is aware or should have been aware.
- 3.9.5. The Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer will be responsible for any driving or parking fines for offences incurred.
- 3.9.6. The vehicle is available to the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer while on leave. Where the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer is absent from duty for a period greater than 7 days then the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer will be responsible for fuelling the vehicle until returning to duty.
- 3.9.7. Vehicles may be driven interstate during periods of leave and there is no limit to privately travelled kilometres. Fuel charges for private interstate trips are entirely the personal responsibility of the Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer.

3.10. **Special Conditions of Use**

Notwithstanding anything else in this Determination:

- 3.10.1. where any damage is the result of wilful or deliberate act of any person, the relevant authority may take such action as he or she thinks fit to recover the cost of such damage;
- 3.10.2. the insurance and discharges are not applicable if the driver is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- 3.10.3. the insurance and discharges are not applicable if the insurance has been brought to the attention of the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer and is avoided by an action of the driver of the vehicle;
- 3.10.4. where the insurance policy contains an excess clause, then the Judge, or Court Officer or Statutory Officer will be liable to repay the relevant authority the amount of that excess (or any part thereof) in the event that it becomes payable by reason of the driver of the vehicle being blameworthy for any of the damage giving rise to a claim on the policy when the vehicle is being used other than for official use.

3.11. **Care of Vehicle**

The Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer is responsible for ensuring that reasonable care is taken of the vehicle. Off street parking at the home of the person concerned is to be used if available and reasonable steps are to be taken to ensure its security. Where any damage to a vehicle supplied to a:

- 3.11.1. Judge or Court Officer is, in the opinion of the Courts Administration Council, the consequence of a serious breach of the obligations imposed by this clause, the Judge, or Court Officer must, on demand, pay the Courts Administration Authority the proper cost of rectification of such damage;
- 3.11.2. Statutory Officer is, in the opinion of the Director, Fleet SA, the consequence of a serious breach of the obligations imposed by this clause, the Statutory Officer concerned must, on demand, pay to Fleet SA the proper cost of rectification of such damage; and
- 3.11.3. Member of the Industrial Relations Court and Commission of South Australia and the Workers Compensation Tribunal, including a member who is a Statutory Officer, is, in the opinion of the Registrar, the consequence of a serious breach of the obligations imposed by this clause, the Member concerned must, on demand, pay to the Tribunal the proper cost of rectification of such damage.

3.12. **Additional Drivers**

The vehicle may be driven by any other Government employee who requires the vehicle for official use.

Judges, Court Officers, and Statutory Officers, must nominate to the relevant authority the names of any persons to use the vehicle at times when it is not required to be available for official use and, subject to the control and direction of the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer, such persons will be authorised to use the vehicle upon such nomination.

Approval is required from the relevant authority for the vehicle to be driven by holders of any form of provisional licence or learner's permit. Approval is also required if any other category of person not otherwise mentioned, is to drive the vehicle.

3.13. **Right to Purchase**

At any time during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of his or her retirement or resignation, a Judge, Court Officer, or Statutory Officer may, by notice in writing to the relevant authority, elect to purchase the vehicle then allocated to him or her as at the date of his or her retirement or resignation or at the end of the lease period. After such notification has been given, the relevant authority must take such steps as are necessary to ensure that it can sell the vehicle to the member.

3.14 No Changeover

A Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer who makes an election under clause 3.13 shall not be permitted or required to hand a vehicle in for normally scheduled changeover where that changeover would occur between the date of election and the date of retirement/resignation/end of lease period.

3.15 Conditions of Purchase

The conditions of in relation to a purchase made following an election under clause 3.13 shall be:

- 3.15.1 The price will be the fair market value for such a vehicle sold without any statutory warranty.
- 3.15.2 The price will be agreed between the Director, Fleet SA, and the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer, due regard being had to prices generally recovered for such vehicles at Fleet SA public auctions.
- 3.15.3 Failing such agreement, the price will be determined by an independent valuer agreed by the parties. Where the prospective retiree/resignee is a
 - 3.15.3.1. Judge or Court Officer, any fee payable to such a valuer shall be borne in equal shares by the prospective retiree/resignee and the State Courts Administrator;
 - 3.15.3.2. Statutory Officer any fee payable to such a valuer shall be borne in equal shares with half payable by the respective retiree/resignee and the other half being payable from funds appropriated to pay expenses associated with the statutory office held by the retiree/resignee; and
 - 3.15.3.3. Member of the Industrial Relations Court and Commission of South Australia and the Workers Compensation Tribunal, including a member who is a Statutory Officer, any fee payable to such a valuer shall be borne in equal shares by the prospective retiree/resignee and the Registrar.
- 3.15.4. The price shall be payable in full on, or prior to, the date of retirement/resignation of the Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer.

4. DATE OF OPERATION

- 4.1 The Conveyance Allowances prescribed in Clause 2.1 are operative from 1 July 2014.
- 4.2 If a Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer currently has the use of a vehicle pursuant to a previous Determination of the Remuneration Tribunal, the Conveyance Allowance and Annual Charge Payable under the previous Determination will continue to apply. Clause 2 and the Schedule to this Determination will have no effect until that Judge, Court Officer or Statutory Officer takes delivery of a vehicle pursuant to this Determination, or elects not to receive a vehicle.
- 4.3 This Determination replaces in entirety Determination 4 of 2013.

Deane R Prior
PRESIDENT

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Judicial Remuneration Vehicles

Vehicle	Number of Cylinders	Annual Charge Payable
Toyota Prius Hybrid	4	\$14,823
Toyota Camry Hybrid	4	\$13,689
Holden Cruze Equipe Sedan/Hatch Diesel auto	4	\$13,607
Holden Cruze Z Sedan 2.0 Diesel auto	4	\$14,269
Holden Cruze SRi Sedan Petrol auto	4	\$13,003
Holden Cruze SRi Sedan Petrol manual	4	\$12,151
Holden Cruze SRi Hatch Petrol auto	4	\$13,003
Holden Cruze SRi Hatch Petrol manual	4	\$12,103
Holden Cruze SRi-Z Sedan Petrol auto	4	\$14,269
Holden Cruze SRi-Z Sedan Petrol manual	4	\$13,460
Holden Cruze SRi-Z Hatch Petrol auto	4	\$14,269
Holden Cruze SRi-Z Hatch Petrol manual	4	\$13,460
Holden Commodore VF Evoke Sedan auto	6	\$15,950
Holden Commodore VF Evoke Wagon auto	6	\$16,724
Holden Commodore VF SV6 Sedan auto	6	\$16,589
Holden Commodore VF SV6 Sedan manual	6	\$15,954
Holden Commodore VF SV6 Wagon auto	6	\$17,576
Holden Commodore VF Ute auto	6	\$14,380
Holden Calais VF Sedan auto	6	\$18,509
Holden Calais VF Wagon auto	6	\$19,363
Holden Calais VF V-Series Sedan auto	6	\$20,876
Holden Calais VF V-Series Wagon auto	6	\$21,820
Holden Calais VF V-Series Sedan (V8 6.0L) auto	8	\$23,327
Holden Commodore VF SS Sedan (V8 6.0L) auto	8	\$20,107
Holden Commodore VF SS Wagon (V8 6.0L) auto	8	\$20,878
Holden Commodore VF SS V-Series Sedan (V8 6.0L) auto	8	\$21,244
Holden Caprice WN Sedan LPG (V6 3.6L) auto	6	\$20,797
Holden Caprice WN V Sedan (V8 3.6L) auto	8	\$23,788