



Determination 7 of 2014

**THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION OF
ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS**

1. SCOPE OF DETERMINATION

The Remuneration Tribunal is given jurisdiction under section 76 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), to determine the allowance payable to an elected member of a Local Government Council. Section 76 of the Act requires the Tribunal to make a determination on a 4 yearly basis before the day that is 14 days before the day on which nominations close for each periodic election for councils held under the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*. Section 76(3) provides that;

The Remuneration Tribunal must, in making a determination under this section, have regard to the following:

- (a) the role of members of council as members of the council's governing body and as representatives of their area;*
- (b) the size, population and revenue of the council, and any relevant economic and social factors in the council area;*
- (c) the fact that an allowance under this section is not intended to amount to a salary for a member;*
- (d) the fact that an allowance under this section should reflect the nature of a member's office;*
- (e) the provisions of this Act providing for the reimbursement of expenses of members.*

Section 76(4) provides that "without derogating from the operation of subsection (3), the allowances to be determined under this section will be taken to be in the nature of a fee under the definition of remuneration in the *Remuneration Act 1990*".

Section 76(7) provides that "the rates of allowances may vary from office to office, and council to council".

This Determination applies to the members of a council in accordance with the Act, but does not apply to members of the Adelaide City Council.

2. INTERPRETATION

In this Determination, unless the contrary appears:

“Committee” means a committee established by a council in terms of section 41 of the Act.

“Councillor” means a person appointed or elected as a member of a local government council under the Act.

“Principal Member” means a principal member under the Act.

“Prescribed Committee” means for the purposes of this determination, a committee that endures, irrespective of whether the 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

3. ALLOWANCES

3.1 Councillors

3.1.1 The annual allowance for a councillor who is not a principal member, deputy mayor, deputy chairperson or presiding member of a prescribed committee will be as follows:

Council Group	\$ per annum
Group 1A	\$21,500
Group 1B	\$19,000
Group 2	\$15,900
Group 3	\$12,800
Group 4	\$9,100
Group 5	\$5,700

3.1.2 Council Groups are provided in Appendix 1.

3.2 Principal Members

The annual allowance for principal members of a local government council will be equal to four (4) times the annual allowance for councillors of that council.

3.3 Deputy Mayor, Deputy Chairperson or Presiding Member of a Committee

3.3.1 The annual allowance for a councillor who is a deputy mayor or deputy chairperson, or the presiding member of a prescribed committee or more

than one prescribed committees established by a council, will be equal to one and a quarter (1.25) times the annual allowance for councillors of that council.

3.3.2 An additional allowance in the form of a sitting fee is payable to a councillor (other than the principal member or deputy principal member, chairperson or deputy chairperson or a presiding member of a prescribed committee) who is the presiding member of a committee, that is not a prescribed committee, at the following rates:

3.3.2.1 where the councillor is a member of a council in Group1A or Group1B; an allowance of \$200 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount of allowance of \$1,200 per annum;

3.3.2.2 where the councillor is a member of a council in Group 2 or Group 3; an allowance of \$150 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount of allowance of \$900 per annum;

3.3.2.3 where the councillor is a member of a council in Group 4 or Group 5; an allowance of \$100 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount of allowance of \$600 per annum.

4. TRAVEL TIME ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF NON-METROPOLITAN COUNCILS

4.1 An allowance of \$336 per annum will be payable to council members, excluding principal members, whose usual place of residence is within the relevant council area and is located **at least 30 kms but less than 50 kms** from that council's principal office, via the most direct road route:

4.2 An allowance of \$560 per annum will be payable to council members, excluding principal members, whose usual place of residence is within the relevant council area and is located **at least 50 kms but less than 100 kms** from that council's principal office, via the most direct road route:

4.3 An allowance of \$1,120 per annum will be payable to council members, excluding principal members, whose usual place of residence is within the relevant council area and is located **100 kms or more** from that council's principal office, via the most direct road route:

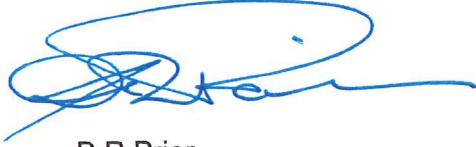
4.4 The non-metropolitan council members travel time allowance will be payable in addition to any entitlement to reimbursement of expenses actually incurred.

4.5 A list of the non-metropolitan councils to which this payment applies is provided in Appendix 2.

5. DATE OF OPERATION

5.1 The allowances prescribed in this Determination are operative from the first ordinary meeting of the Council held after the conclusion of the 2014 local government elections in accordance with section 76(8) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

- 5.2 Pursuant to sections 76(9) and 76(15) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the allowances set out in this Determination, including the aggregate amounts specified at 3.3.2 herein, will be adjusted annually on the first, second and third anniversaries of the 2014 local government elections to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index as defined at section 76(15).



D R Prior
PRESIDENT



D J Smythe
MEMBER

28 July 2014

Appendix 1 – Council Groups

GROUP 1A
City of Charles Sturt
City of Onkaparinga
City of Port Adelaide Enfield
City of Salisbury

GROUP 1B
City of Holdfast Bay
City of Marion
City of Mitcham
City of Playford
City of Tea Tree Gully
City of West Torrens

GROUP 2
Adelaide Hills Council
Alexandrina Council
Barossa Council
Campbelltown City Council
City of Burnside
City of Mount Gambier
City of Prospect
City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters
City of Unley
City of Whyalla
District Council of Mount Barker
Port Augusta City Council
Rural City of Murray Bridge
Town of Gawler

GROUP 3
Berri Baramba Council
City of Port Lincoln
City of Victor Harbor
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
District Council of Loxton Waikerie
District Council of The Copper Coast
District Council of Yorke Peninsula
Light Regional Council
Mid Murray Council
Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Port Pirie Regional Council
Tatiara District Council
Wattle Range Council

GROUP 4
Corporation of the Town of Walkerville
District Council of Coorong
District Council of Grant
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
District Council of Mallala
District Council of Yankalilla
District Council of Renmark Paringa
Kangaroo Island Council
Northern Areas Council
Regional Council of Goyder
Wakefield Regional Council

GROUP 5
District Council of Barunga West
District Council of Ceduna
District Council of Cleve
District Council of Coober Pedy
District Council of Elliston
District Council of Franklin Harbour
District Council of Karoonda East Murray
District Council of Kimba
District Council of Mount Remarkable
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
District Council of Peterborough
District Council of Robe
District Council of Streaky Bay
District Council of Tumby Bay
Flinders Ranges Council
Kingston District Council
Southern Mallee District Council
Wudinna District Council

Appendix 2 – Non – Metropolitan Councils

Adelaide Hills Council	District Council of Renmark Paringa
Alexandrina Council	District Council of Robe
Berri Barmera Council	District Council of Streaky Bay
Barossa Council	District Council of The Copper Coast
City of Whyalla	District Council of Tumby Bay
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	District Council of Yankalilla
District Council of Barunga West	District Council of Yorke Peninsula
District Council of Ceduna	Flinders Ranges Council
District Council of Cleve	Kangaroo Island Council
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