



REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

2015 ANNUAL REVIEW OF REMUNERATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COURT AND COMMISSION, THE STATE CORONER, AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COURT

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In accordance with the provisions of the *Remuneration Act 1990* (SA) ("the Act"), the Remuneration Tribunal ("the Tribunal") by letter dated 5 November 2015 invited members of the judiciary and other statutory office holders listed under Section 13 of the Act, as well as those covered by relevant sections of the *Fair Work Act 1994* (SA), to make submissions in relation to the Tribunal's annual review of remuneration for members of the judiciary and those office holders. The Tribunal also invited the Premier, as Minister responsible for the Act, to make submissions in the public interest.

2. SUBMISSIONS

- 2.1. The Tribunal received written submissions from:
 - 2.1.1. The Judicial Remuneration Coordinating Committee ("JRCC"); and
 - 2.1.2. The Crown Solicitor's Office, on behalf of the Premier, in the public interest.
- 2.2. In their submission, the JRCC proposed that the Tribunal should defer consideration of any increase in judicial remuneration until the outcome of the review into judicial remuneration being conducted by the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal is known.
- 2.3. The Crown Solicitor's Office, on behalf of the Premier, submitted that the Tribunal should determine to not award an increase in salaries of the South Australian Judiciary, having particular regard to the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal's Determination¹ which did not award an increase to the salaries of judicial officers of the Commonwealth.

3. COMMONWEALTH TRIBUNAL'S STATEMENT AND DECISION

- 3.1. On 31 March 2015 the Commonwealth Tribunal issued a statement and decision that no annual adjustment to the remuneration for judicial offices in the Tribunal's jurisdiction will be made in 2015, as the Commonwealth Tribunal is currently conducting a major review of judicial remuneration, which is expected to be completed sometime within 2016.

4. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. The South Australian Remuneration Tribunal has completed its 2015 review of judicial remuneration.

¹ Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2015/10 Judicial and Related Offices - Remuneration and Allowances

- 4.2. The Tribunal is satisfied that the approach of setting salaries in a national framework continues to be appropriate and in the public interest.
- 4.3. Having considered all the material before it, and having received no submissions from any party that an adjustment in remuneration should be made, the Tribunal has decided to not award a salary increase to members of the judiciary and those other judicial officers within its jurisdiction.
- 4.4. The salaries and allowances payable to Members of the Judiciary, Members of the Industrial Relations Court and Commission, the State Coroner, and Commissioners of the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to Determination No 9 of 2014 shall continue to apply.
- 4.5. The Tribunal intends to commence a review of judicial remuneration 2016, no later than the outcome of the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal's review of judicial remuneration is known.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2015.



John Lewin
PRESIDENT



Nicola Vincent
MEMBER



Peter Alexander
MEMBER