



REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL REPORT IN RELATION TO DETERMINATION 7 of 2017 **2017 REVIEW OF SALARY OF THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

INTRODUCTION

1. The Remuneration Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) has jurisdiction under section 14 of the *Remuneration Act 1990* (“the Act”) and section 73 of the *Constitution Act 1934* (“the Constitution Act”), to determine the salary payable to His Excellency the Governor of South Australia (“the Governor”). Section 8 of the Act requires the Tribunal to review any previous determination of remuneration made under the Act at least once per year.

BACKGROUND

2. On 11 February 2016, the *Constitution (Governor’s Salary) Amendment Act 2015* (“the Amending Act”) came into operation. The Amending Act conferred jurisdiction upon the Tribunal to determine the salary of the office of the Governor of South Australia. Prior to this amendment, the salary of the Governor was set by the Constitution Act at the rate of 75% of a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia. This arrangement no longer applies.
3. In 2016, the Tribunal issued its inaugural Determination¹ of salary of the Governor of South Australia, resulting in that salary being fixed at \$315,608 per annum, operative from 11 February 2016.
4. In accordance with section 10(2) of the Act, the Tribunal, by letter dated 9 May 2017, invited the Governor to make a submission in relation to the review of the salary associated with the office of the Governor. The Tribunal also invited the Attorney-General and the Premier, as Minister responsible for the Act, to make submissions in the public interest.

SUBMISSIONS

5. The Official Secretary to the Governor wrote to the Tribunal on 23 May 2017, advising that the Governor does not intend to make a submission in relation to the Tribunal’s Determination of the Governor’s salary in 2017.
6. The Crown Solicitor’s Office, on behalf of the Premier, wrote to the Tribunal on 22 May 2017, advising that the Premier does not wish to make a submission in relation to the determination of the Governor’s salary by the Tribunal.

¹ Determination 7 of 2016 – Inaugural Determination of Salary for the Governor of South Australia

CONCLUSION

7. The Tribunal has decided to adjust the salary of the Governor, having regard to the Tribunal's Determination for judicial officers², issued in 2017. Consequently, the salary of the Governor shall be \$323,183 per annum.
8. The Tribunal is of the view that the operative date of its Determination should be 1 January 2017.



John Lewin
PRESIDENT



Peter Alexander
MEMBER



Pamela Martin
MEMBER

Dated this 29th day of June 2017