



No. 8 of 2020

REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
2020 REVIEW OF ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL ALLOWANCES FOR
MINISTERS OF THE CROWN AND THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE
OPPOSITION

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Section 14 of the *Remuneration Act 1990* (“the Act”) provides that the Remuneration Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) has jurisdiction to determine the remuneration, or a specified part of the remuneration, payable in respect of certain offices, if such jurisdiction is conferred upon the Tribunal by any other Act or by the Governor by proclamation.
2. Section 3A(2) of the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* (“the PR Act”) confers jurisdiction upon the Tribunal to make a Determination or perform any other function required by the PR Act.
3. Section 3A(3) of the PR Act provides that the Tribunal may make a different provision according to the member, the electorate, the House of Parliament or the circumstances to which the Determination is to apply.
4. Section 4(2)(a) of the PR Act provides that the Tribunal must, in determining electorate allowances and other remuneration for members of Parliament, have regard not only to their parliamentary duties, but also to:
 - 4.1. Their duty to be actively involved in community affairs; and
 - 4.2. Their duty to represent and assist their constituents in dealings with governmental and other public agencies and authorities.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

5. Section 10(2) of the Act requires that before the making of 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.
6. Section 10(4) of the Act provides that the Honourable Premier of South Australia (“the Premier”), as the Minister responsible for the Act may intervene, personally or by counsel or other representative, in proceedings before the Tribunal for the purpose of introducing evidence, or making submissions, on any question relevant to the public interest.
7. The Tribunal wrote to the Premier, as the Minister responsible for the Act, and the Members of Parliament on 22 June 2020, notifying of the Tribunal’s intention to conduct its annual review of Determinations for Members of Parliament. The Tribunal invited written submissions with a closing date of 23 July 2020.


8. Additionally, on 22 June 2020, a notice of the review was placed on the Tribunal's public website.

SUBMISSIONS

9. No submissions were received by the Tribunal in relation to the review to which this Report relates.

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10. The Tribunal has decided that no increase will be applied to amounts of the per diem allowances for Ministers, Members and Officers of the Parliament, having regard to the economic and social circumstances of the State at the time of this review.
11. The Tribunal has included a list of definitions within its accompanying Determination to provide for greater clarity. These include clarification of the provision for a higher rate for inner Sydney accommodation as distinct from other accommodation consistent with arrangements in other jurisdictions.
12. The Tribunal has altered the provision for additional expenditure for accommodation and meals, such that evidence must be produced in order to be reimbursed.
13. The Country Members Accommodation provisions have been dealt with by a separate Report and Determination (9 of 2020).
14. Accordingly, the Tribunal will issue Determination 8 of 2020.



Matthew O'Callaghan
PRESIDENT



Peter Alexander
MEMBER



Pamela Martin
MEMBER

Dated this 7th day of September 2020.