



No. 19 of 2022

REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

2022 Review of Reimbursement of Expenses Applicable to the Electorate of Mawson – Travel to and from Kangaroo Island by Ferry and Aircraft

INTRODUCTION

1. The Remuneration Tribunal (**Tribunal**) has conducted a review of Determination 8 of 2019¹ which allows the member for the Mawson Electorate to claim reimbursements up to \$3,380 per annum in respect of expenses necessarily incurred travelling by ferry or aircraft between Kangaroo Island and the Fleurieu Peninsula for electoral purposes.
2. As explained in this report, the Tribunal has determined not to change the current determination which will continue to apply.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

3. On 22 June 2022, and in accordance with sections 10(2) and 10(4) of the *Remuneration Act 1990 (Act)*, the Tribunal wrote to and invited submissions by 19 August 2022 in respect of this review from:
 - a. the Honourable Premier of South Australia – as the Minister responsible for the Act who may make submissions or introduce evidence in the public interest
 - b. members of Parliament
 - c. the Treasurer
 - d. the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption
4. The Tribunal also advertised its intention to review this, and other determinations applicable to members of Parliament, on its website from 22 June 2022. Submissions were also invited by 19 August 2022.
5. On 16 August 2022, the Premier's representative confirmed that no submission would be made. No other submissions were received in respect of this review.

CONSIDERATION AND CONCLUSION

6. In reviewing this entitlement, the Tribunal has had due regard to the necessary statutory considerations under section 4(2)(a) of the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990 (PR Act)*. That section of the PR Act provides that the Tribunal must, in determining

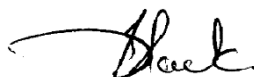
¹ Reimbursement of Expenses Applicable to the Electorate of Mawson – Travel to and from Kangaroo Island by Ferry and Aircraft.

electorate allowances and other remuneration for members of Parliament, have regard not only to their parliamentary duties, but also to:


- a. their duty to be actively involved in community affairs; and
 - b. their duty to represent and assist their constituents in dealings with governmental and other public agencies and authorities.
7. The Tribunal has also given due regard to the cost of journeys between Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island for the relevant period. The Tribunal notes that the cost of travel on the SeaLink Kangaroo Island Ferry Service has increased by approximately 12% since Determination 8 of 2019 was issued.
8. Despite these cost increases, the Tribunal does not consider it appropriate to adjust the amount of the entitlement at the time of this review in circumstances where the Member for Mawson:
- a. has not sought an increase to the allowance, and has not provided evidence of how often they travel to and from Kangaroo island and the usual costs incurred
 - b. can meet the costs of ferry or air travel (if over \$3,380) using other allowances set by the Tribunal, including the electorate allowance.
9. Accordingly, Determination 8 of 2019 will continue to apply.



Matthew O'Callaghan
PRESIDENT



Deborah Black
MEMBER



Peter de Cure AM
MEMBER

Dated: 14 December 2022