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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006

DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

REPORT ON DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

On 6 April 2023, pursuant to section 7E(1) of the Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006 (AMSORE Act), His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, issued a request to the Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to inquire into and determine the allowance or allowances payable to a member of a local authority.

The resulting Report and Determination must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly within six sitting days of receipt by the Minister.

Under section 7E(9) of the AMSORE Act, the allowances determined are effective from either:

- the next financial year if the report is made on or before 1 February; or
- from the financial year after the next financial year if the report is made after 1 February.

Letters were sent to all Local Government Councils in August 2023 advising them of the Inquiry. The Remuneration Tribunal discussed this Inquiry during meetings with Local Government Councils.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

There are Local Authorities within nine Regional Councils and the number of Local Authorities in these Councils range from three to thirteen. The allowance for members to attend meetings was increase in the 2023 Inquiry.

The Tribunal considers that the existing allowances are appropriate.

Mr Michael Martin OAM Chairperson

Remuneration Tribunal

The Hon Syd Stirling A

Member Remuneration Tribunal

Mr Gary Higgins

Member

Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 2 January 2024



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Under section 7E of the Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006, the Tribunal determines as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as established by a Council under section 76.

The Chair of a Local Authority is defined in the Local Government Act 2019 as in section 98.

A Member of a Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as a member of an audit committee, a council, a council committee of a local authority.

Financial Year is the period from 1 July to the 30 June.

2. ALLOWANCES

The following allowance will be paid for each meeting of a Local Authority.

The Chair of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$600

A Member of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$200
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$300
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$400

3. GENERAL

- 3.1. Pursuant to section 7E(9) of the Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006, the allowances determined are effective from either:
 - the next financial year if the report is made on or before 1 February; or
 - from the financial year after the next financial year if the report is made after 1 February.

Mr Michael Martin OAM

Chairperson

Remuneration Tribunal

The Hon Syd Stirling AM Member

Remuneration Tribunal

Mar Gary Higgins

Member

Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 29 January 2024