



**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 2026**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

On 30 July 2025, 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 AO 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.

On 9 September 2025, individual letters were sent to each Local Government Council inviting submissions and offered to hold a discussion with each Council either in person or through a video link. On 13 September 2025, an advertisement was placed in the NT News to announce the inquiry and invite submissions

In their submissions to the Remuneration Tribunal for the Local Government inquiry, some Councils did mention Local Authorities, but no major items were canvassed.

## 2. CURRENT SITUATION

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


The Tribunal considers that the existing allowances are appropriate.



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Dated 9 December 2025



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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 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:
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