



SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL

Media Alert

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REMUNERATION PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has issued a Determination that sets remuneration for Members of the new Parliament that will follow the State General Election in March 2021.

The Determination confirms proposals raised in the Tribunal's *Report on Allowances provided to Members of Parliament*, released on 10 August 2020, which followed an extensive review of allowances provided to Members.

This Determination adjusts the arrangements for many allowances, aiming to improve their effectiveness and introduce transparency and accountability by:

- (a) establishing principles by which Members must abide when using allowances; and
- (b) establishing a system of reporting of Members' use of certain allowances.

The Determination has not adjusted amounts of remuneration provided to Members of Parliament, due to current legislative restrictions on the Tribunal's powers.

The Determination is available at www.sat.wa.gov.au.

Comments attributed to Tribunal Chair, Professor Margaret Seares:

"The Tribunal considers that Parliamentary allowances provide Members with the resources necessary to perform their functions.

The Tribunal's review of Members' allowances demonstrated that Western Australia has fewer accountability mechanisms compared to other Australian jurisdictions.

This Determination takes steps, within the scope of the Tribunal's powers, to establish accountability for Members' use of allowances. It adjusts the mechanisms by which some allowances are provided and sets expectations as to how expenditure is to be reported.

The changes in this Determination aim to improve the effectiveness of the allowances and public confidence in Members of Parliament."

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