

## SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ACT 1975

### DETERMINATION VARIATION

#### PREAMBLE

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has issued a variation to the *Members of Parliament Determination No. 2 of 2024* which will take effect after the 2025 State election, to clarify the administrative arrangements in relation to Accommodation Allowances, and to modify motor vehicle arrangements relating to government leased vehicles.

The Tribunal has agreed to a request from the administering authority to slightly alter the arrangement for Government leased vehicles for Members. The current motor vehicle allowance is set at a rate that allows for an appropriate four-wheel drive vehicle with safety equipment for regional Members, or an appropriate standard of vehicle for metropolitan Members. A decision to lease a vehicle above the allowance indicates that significant personal choice has influenced the selection of the vehicle.

The administering authority has indicated that the arrangements required to manage and collect payment for leased vehicles above the allowance would create complexity and increase the risk of errors. In this case, the Tribunal has agreed to simplify the administrative arrangements for the authority, and Members themselves, by requiring Members to choose the motor vehicle allowance if they desire to lease a vehicle with a value above the allowance.

Regarding the Accommodation Allowances, the variation has made some slight wording changes to clarify the intent of the determination to aid the administration of the allowance. There are no changes to the allowance provided to Members for accommodation.

## DETERMINATION

The *Members of Parliament Determination No.2 of 2024* made by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal on 17 December 2024 under sections 6(1)(a), (ab) and (b) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, as amended from time to time, is hereby varied by a determination set out below, with effect on and from the dates specified in Part 1.2 of the determination.

Delete Part 4.2(2) and insert the following:

Where a Member elects to receive a Government vehicle, their Motor Vehicle Allowance will be reduced by the annual whole of life cost of the vehicle. The annual whole of life cost of the vehicle cannot exceed the Motor Vehicle Allowance. If the Government leased vehicle selected would exceed the Allowance available, the Member should utilise the Motor Vehicle Allowance and privately source the vehicle of the members choice.

Delete Part 5.1(1)(c) and insert the following:

in relation to 5.2, 5.3(3), 5.4(1), 5.5(4) 5.6 and 5.7, include a tax invoice or statutory declaration (or documentation similar to a Statutory declaration as required by the administering agency); and

Delete Part 5.3(1) and insert the following:

An eligible Member (in accordance with 5.1(6)) is entitled to an amount of \$273 per night for 60 nights, reflecting nights of the sitting days, each year for accommodation and associated expenses incurred to attend sittings of Parliament.

Delete Part 5.3(3), 5.4(2) and 5.5(6) and insert the following:

If a Member incurs actual expenditure in commercial accommodation above the Allowance provided in (5.3(1), 5.4(1), 5.5(2), they are entitled to claim reimbursement for the actual expenses up to the maximum amount payable in Table 3 or Table 4 of the relevant Australian Taxation Office's daily travel allowance (published as a Taxation Determination [2024/25 rates](#)) applicable at the date of travel.

Signed on 24 February 2025.



E Prof M Seares AO  
CHAIR



Hon. J Day AM  
MEMBER



Dr M Schaper  
MEMBER

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