

***SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ACT 1975***

**DETERMINATION OF THE REMUNERATION OF**

**SENIOR AND ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE**

**STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL**

1. The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (“Tribunal”) issues this Determination pursuant to section 6(1)(e) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975* (“the Act”).
2. Section 8 of the Act requires the Tribunal, at intervals of not more than 12 months, to inquire into and determine the remuneration to be paid to a person holding any office prescribed for the purposes of that section.
3. Senior and Ordinary Members (“Members”) of the State Administrative Tribunal are so prescribed in regulation 3 of the *Salaries and Allowances Regulations 1975*.
4. The Tribunal’s previous determination in relation to Members was issued on 22 November 2013.
5. In March 2014 the Tribunal invited submissions by advertising in *The West Australian* newspaper, through the Tribunal website and by writing to key office holders.
6. The Tribunal received a submission from Timothy Sharp, Acting President of the State Administrative Tribunal. The Minister for Commerce also provided a submission on behalf of the Government.
7. The Tribunal considered the performance of the Western Australian economy and forecasts as to its likely future performance. The Tribunal has taken into account labour market and economic information, the Government’s most recent Public Sector Wages Policy Statement, Financial Strategy Statement and Financial Projection Statement.
8. The Minister for Commerce’s submission provided details of the performance of the Western Australian economy, which he states has moderated over the past year. The pace of growth is expected to moderate further in 2014-15 and beyond.

9. The Tribunal noted economic forecasts included in the 2014-15 Budget Papers, as stated in Table 1.

**Table 1. Forecasts for Major Western Australian Economic Aggregates**

Economic Aggregates	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Estimated Actual	2014-15 Budget Estimate	2015-16 Forward Estimate	2016-17 Forward Estimate	2017-18 Forward Estimate
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Gross State Product</b>	5.1	3.75	2.75	3.0	4.25	5.0
<b>State Final Demand</b>	5.0	0.25	0.0	0.75	1.5	2.0
<b>Employment</b>	3.5	1.5	1.5	1.75	1.75	2.0
<b>Unemployment Rate<sup>(a)</sup></b>	4.4	5.0	5.5	5.25	5.0	4.75
<b>Consumer Price Index</b>	2.3	3.0	2.75	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>Wage Price Index</b>	4.0	3.25	3.25	3.5	3.5	3.75
<b>Population</b>	3.5	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.

<sup>(a)</sup>Data expressed in terms of the annual average during the financial year.

Source: Department of Treasury, *Economic Forecasts as at May 2014*

10. The submission from the Acting President of the State Administrative Tribunal supported the continuation of relativities between the Members of the State Administrative Tribunal and other judicial officers in Western Australia. It also suggested current motor vehicle entitlements should be maintained.
11. The Tribunal notes the role of the State Administrative Tribunal in Western Australia's justice system. It has considered the remuneration of Members within the general framework of remuneration provided to judicial office holders and court registrars under the Tribunal's jurisdiction.

## ***DETERMINATION***

12. The Tribunal has examined the remuneration provided to Members based upon the principles of remuneration set out above, submissions provided to the inquiry and the framework of salaries for judicial office holders and court registrars under the Tribunal's jurisdiction.
13. The Tribunal has not identified a need for an increase in remuneration for Members beyond an economic adjustment of 2.5% to accommodate changes to the Consumer Price Index.
14. Motor vehicle entitlements will be maintained at the current level.

The determination will now issue.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

W S Coleman AM  
CHAIRMAN

C A Broadbent  
MEMBER

B J Moore  
MEMBER

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**PURSUANT TO SECTION 6(1)(e)**

**PART 1: INTRODUCTORY MATTERS**

This part deals with some matters that are relevant to the determination generally.

**1.1 Short Title**

This determination may be cited as the *Senior and Ordinary Members of the State Administrative Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 2014*.

**1.2 Commencement**

This determination comes into operation on 1 July 2014.

**1.3 Content and intent**

- (1) This determination provides for the salary, allowances and other benefits to be paid, provided or reimbursed to holders of offices of the State Administrative Tribunal prescribed for the purposes of section 6(1)(e) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*.
- (2) The offices to which this determination applies are the Senior and Ordinary Members of the State Administrative Tribunal as prescribed in regulation 3 of the *Salaries and Allowances Regulations 1975*.
- (3) This determination fulfils the Tribunal's obligations provided in section 8 of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, with respect to the Senior and Ordinary Members of the State Administrative Tribunal.

**1.4 Terms used**

In this determination, unless the contrary intention appears –

**Senior Member** means a Senior Member appointed under the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004*;

**Ordinary Member** means an Ordinary Member appointed under the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004*.

## **1.5 Conditions of service**

- (1) Pursuant to section 119(4) of the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004* the Governor may determine the leave of absence to which a Senior or an Ordinary Member is entitled and any other terms and conditions of service as a Senior or an Ordinary Member.
- (2) To the extent that conditions of service affect remuneration (e.g. paid leave of absence), a Senior and an Ordinary Member are entitled to the same terms and conditions as contained in the *Public Service Award 1992* and the *Public Service and General Officers Agreement 2011*. Where there is any inconsistency between the remuneration payable under this determination and as determined by the Governor under section 119(1) of the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004*, the remuneration specified in this determination shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- (3) In accordance with section 119(3) of the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004*, the emoluments and benefits to which a Senior and an Ordinary Member are entitled cannot, during the member's term of office, be changed to be less favourable without the member's consent.

## **1.6 Salary Packaging**

A Senior and an Ordinary Member are entitled to participate in salary packaging arrangements for superannuation and novated leases in accordance with the "Guidelines for Salary Packaging in the WA Public Sector", which can be accessed at [http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/PDF/Circulars/2012\\_004.pdf](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/PDF/Circulars/2012_004.pdf)

## **PART 2: SALARY**

This part deals with the salary payable to a Senior or an Ordinary Members for the performance of their duties pursuant to their appointments under the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004*.

### **2.1 General**

The amount of a person's entitlement to an annual salary shall be calculated on a pro rata basis in accordance with the proportion of full-time hours worked by an office holder.

## 2.2 Offices and salaries

The annual salaries specified in Table 1 of this Part apply to Senior and Ordinary Members.

*Table 1: Annual salaries payable to Senior and Ordinary Members*

OFFICE	ANNUAL SALARY
Senior Member	\$321,695
Ordinary Member	\$241,272

## PART 3: MOTOR VEHICLE BENEFITS

This Part deals with motor vehicle benefits paid or provided to a Senior or an Ordinary Member.

### 3.1 General

- (1) In addition to the salary determined for the holders of offices listed in Part 2 of this Determination, those office holders are entitled to an allowance which may be taken as cash with salary or may be utilised to access a motor vehicle for private use leased through State Fleet.
- (2) The motor vehicle (being part of the Government-owned State Fleet) should be managed in accordance with the policies and conditions established and amended from time to time by the Department of Finance (the effective owner of the State Fleet). Applicable terms and conditions are currently set out in the Department of Finance's document, *State Fleet – Agency General Agreement*, which took effect on 1 March 2013.
- (3) A person holding more than one Special Division or Prescribed Office, shall be entitled to a motor vehicle or cash in lieu of a motor vehicle for one such office only, being the office classified or remunerated at the highest level.
- (4) An individual accessing a vehicle under this Part shall take due care of the condition and security of the vehicle. This includes responsibility for regular servicing and maintenance at government expense according to the manufacturer's recommended specifications, and making arrangements for off-street parking at home, whenever practicable, with appropriate security precautions at all times. Theft or damage should be reported to the Fleet Manager.
- (5) Motor vehicles leased for office holders under this determination or a previous determination of the Tribunal shall not be changed or cash in lieu taken prior to the expiration of the lease.

- (6) While the vehicle may be used anywhere in Western Australia at no cost to the individual, the individual is liable for the cost of fuel and oil incurred when driving interstate. Furthermore, if used outside of Western Australia, the custodian must be in the vehicle at all times that it is being used.
- (7) Should the officer choose not to use the vehicle supplied through State Fleet for business, or for travelling to and from work, but allows and authorises the vehicle to be used for private use during business hours by another family member or person, they are not entitled to access another government vehicle for private use, including transport to and from work.
- (8) Should the officer choose to take cash in lieu of a motor vehicle supplied through State Fleet, it is not the Tribunal's intent that this should result in additional government expense or an increase in the government fleet to provide transport for the office holder during business hours. Office holders are not entitled to claim mileage allowance for use of private vehicles for work purposes. Neither are they entitled to access another government vehicle for their personal use including transport to and from work.

### **3.2 Notional value of the lease and the cost to the Office Holder**

- (1) The notional value of the lease (and all associated costs) per annum is \$24,000.
- (2) The notional value of the lease shall be calculated on a pro rata basis in accordance with the proportion of full-time hours worked by an office holder.
- (3) The total lease cost of the chosen vehicle and accessories determined in this section must be borne by the office holder. This includes the purchase cost of any accessories, including installation and removal costs if required, before disposal of the vehicle. No additional costs shall be incurred by the office holder as a result of fluctuations in lease costs during the specified term of the lease.
- (4) Where the total lease and associated costs of a vehicle and accessories in accordance with this determination is less than the relevant motor vehicle benefit determined in this section, the difference in the cost to Government is to be paid fortnightly as part of the office holder's remuneration.
- (5) The method of determining whether an additional contribution must be made by the office holder or the surplus is to be paid to the office holder, shall be based on the notional lease cost to the Government of the vehicle sought (using the formula detailed below), compared with the relevant notional lease value determined for the benefit in this section. The cost at the time of entering into the lease is applicable.

- (6) The notional value of the vehicle benefit must include lease cost, Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) and all other operating costs based on the relevant figure of nominated kilometres to be travelled annually. The formula to be adopted in valuing the motor vehicle is:

Value of Motor Vehicle = L + R + aD + FBT + I + LCT, where

L	=	Lease payments
R	=	Registration costs
a	=	Running cost per kilometre
D	=	nominated annual kilometres
FBT	=	Fringe Benefits Tax
I	=	Insurance
LCT	=	Luxury Car Tax

- (7) FBT is costed at applicable Australian Taxation Office rates: purchase price (including GST) x Statutory fraction x Gross up (2.0802) x FBT rate (0.470).
- (8) Each lease should be tailored to achieve the most cost-effective arrangement based on individual usage.

### **3.3 Choice of Motor Vehicle**

- (1) Where office holders elect to access a leased vehicle under State Fleet arrangements, they may choose any vehicle and accessories in the relevant Western Australian Government Common Use Contract or an “off contract” vehicle and accessories available under Government leasing arrangements in accordance with the following criteria.
- (2) Vehicles with V8 engines are not included. Supercharged and turbo-charged engines with a capacity greater than 3.0 litres are not included.
- (3) Office holders unable to lease their choice of vehicle within the scope of the arrangements set out in this determination should elect to make their own arrangements to meet their personal transport needs.

### **3.4 Cash Value of the Motor Vehicle Allowance**

- (1) Where officeholders elect to not be provided with a motor vehicle through State Fleet they are entitled to the cash value being paid fortnightly as additional remuneration. The relevant cash value is \$24,000 per annum.
- (2) The cash value of the motor vehicle allowance shall be calculated on a pro rata basis in accordance with the proportion of full-time hours worked by an office holder.

The determination will now issue.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

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