

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ACT 1975
ALTERATION OF DETERMINATION OF THE
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL
ON REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Pursuant to Part 1 Section 6(6)

September 2008

Pursuant to the provisions of Part 1, Section 6(6) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, “where any provision of a determination dealing with the payment of electorate allowances or other allowances to members of Parliament which vary according to the electoral district or electoral region of a member becomes inapplicable, or, in the opinion of the Chairman, inequitable as a consequence of a subsequent division of the State into electoral districts and electoral regions, the Chairman may without further authority ... alter the determination in that regard to such extent as he thinks necessary for that purpose”.

In this variation to the determination of the 15 August 2008, alterations have been made to Part 3 Section 3.1, Part 4 Section 2.2 and Part 5 Section 6.2 of that determination. Some alterations have been made to identify current electoral districts and regions.

The most significant alteration in this determination is the removal of the Additional Electorate Allowance in Section 3.1 of Part 3 that was provided in recognition of the electoral district of Wanneroo’s population growth. Adjustments to Wanneroo’s electorate boundaries have reduced the district’s enrolment from 40,564 at 30 September 2007 to 26,745 at 15 August 2008. Accordingly, the electoral district of Wanneroo’s Additional Electorate Allowance is no longer applicable and shall cease.

In respect of Part 4 Section 2.2, an interim provision has been made for relevant Members to travel on electorate or parliamentary business. Members representing certain country electorates specified in Section 2.2 of Part 4 will be entitled to claim up to \$5,000 of their allowance pending a further determination.

The Chairman has also determined that provisions shall cease that were contained in Section 2 of Part 4 of the determination to enable Members representing the districts of Albany, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie to draw upon the Charter Transport Allowance for the purpose of purchasing or leasing a vehicle. Changes to electorate boundaries rendered those provisions largely inapplicable.

It is the intention of the Tribunal to undertake a further statutory review with respect to the electorate and other allowances payable to Members of Parliament in the near future. It is anticipated that in so doing, the Tribunal would consult with Members of Parliament.

In consideration of changes to electoral boundaries across Western Australia reflected in the election of 6 September 2008, the determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal dated 15 August 2008 with respect to remuneration to be paid to Ministers of the Crown, the Parliamentary Secretary of Cabinet, a Parliamentary Secretary appointed under Section 44A (1) of the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899*, members of committees, officers and Members of the Parliament, is altered as hereunder and follows with effect from 7 September 2008:

PART 3: ELECTORATE ALLOWANCES

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL ELECTORATE ALLOWANCE

3.1 In recognition of the increased expenditure incurred by Members representing the largest, most remote or least easily accessible electorates, the following amounts shall be paid in addition to the Base Electorate Allowance provided under Section 2 of this Part.

ELECTORAL REGION	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE PER ANNUM
South West Region		\$9,100
	Blackwood - Stirling	\$7,500
Agricultural Region		\$13,500
	Central Wheatbelt, Moore and Wagin	\$11,700
Mining and Pastoral Region		\$20,200
	Eyre, Kalgoorlie, Kimberley, North West and Pilbara	\$19,000

PART 4: TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

SECTION 2: CHARTER TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE

2.2 Members representing the under mentioned electorates shall, except where scheduled airlines are operating at reasonably convenient times, be entitled at Government cost to use charter transport within or for the service of their electorates (within Western Australia) and to undertake parliamentary duties, but such cost shall not exceed the amounts specified hereunder for each financial year, less any expenditure incurred at the request of the Member in seeking a variation to the standard applied in Section 4 of Part 3, with effect from 1 July 2008.

ELECTORATE REGION	DISTRICT	CHARTER TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE (Per Financial Year)
Mining and Pastoral Region		\$5,000
	Eyre, Kalgoorlie, Kimberley, North West and Pilbara	\$5,000
Agricultural Region		\$5,000
	Central Wheatbelt, Moore and Wagin	\$5,000
	Geraldton	\$5,000
South West Region		\$5,000
	Albany and Blackwood- Stirling	\$5,000

PART 5: ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES

SECTION 6: MEMBERS' EXPENSES WITHIN THE ELECTORATE

6.2 The maximum number of nights claimable per financial year shall be:

Blackwood-Stirling, Central Wheatbelt, Collie-Preston, Moore, Murray-Wellington, Wagin and Vasse	60 nights
Eyre, Kalgoorlie, Kimberley, North West and Pilbara	80 nights
Regions - Mining and Pastoral, Agricultural and South West	100 nights

Signed this 15th day of September 2008

Prof M C Wood

CHAIRMAN

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