Remuneration Tribunal (Fees and Allowances of Members) Determination 2012 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2012-202

made under the

Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995, section 20 (Determination of fees and allowances of members)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the Remuneration Tribunal (Fees and Allowances of Members) Determination 2012 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 October 2012.

3 Determination of fees and allowances

I determine fees and allowances for the members of the Remuneration Tribunal in accordance with this instrument.

4 Fees

Members of the Remuneration Tribunal are entitled to be paid fees at the following rates:

Office	Annual Fees
Chairperson	\$22,095
Other members	\$13,260

5 Salary Packaging

5.1 Subject to the following conditions, a person holding on office under section 4 of the Remuneration Tribunal Act may elect to take fees as specified in clause 4 of this Instrument as salary or take a combination of salary and other benefits best suited to his or her personal needs and preferences.

- 5.2 The scheme is to be consistent with taxation laws and guidelines applicable to salary packaging schemes, issued by the Australian Taxation Office.
- 5.3 The scheme is to be based on the ACT Public Service Salary Packaging Policy and Procedures issued by the Commissioner for Public Administration, with up to 100% of the relevant remuneration specified below to be taken as benefits and related costs such as fringe benefits tax.
- 5.4 The Scheme shall be operated and administered so that there will be no additional cost to the ACT Government. In particular, any fringe benefits tax associated with the provision of a benefit is to be included in the salary package.
- 5.5 The salary for superannuation purposes of each member of the Remuneration Tribunal is unaffected by participation in the salary packaging scheme.

6 Travelling allowances

6.1 Definitions

domestic travel means travel to a destination within Australia.

international travel means travel to a destination outside Australia.

official travel means travel for official purposes.

reasonable expenses means legitimate, work-related expenses incurred in conducting official business efficiently and effectively.

6.2 Payment of fares, accommodation and other expenses

If a member is required to travel to or away from the ACT on official travel, the Territory must pay the cost of the travel, accommodation, meals, and other reasonable expenses.

6.3 Standard of air travel

A member travelling to or away from the ACT on official travel is entitled to travel by air at the following standard:

Office	Domestic travel	International travel
Chairperson	For all trips or parts of trips less than 4 hours in the air - Economy class. Longer than 4 hours - Business class	Business class
Other Members	Economy class	Economy class

6.4 Travel by road or rail

If it is more convenient to travel by road or rail the Territory shall pay the cost of fares provided such fares are reasonable compared to the airfare.

For approved travel by private motor vehicle, the Territory must pay the owner of the vehicle an allowance calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Public Sector Management Standards, as varied from time to time.

6.5 Accommodation

A member travelling for official purposes and required to remain overnight at the temporary location shall be entitled to reside in commercial accommodation at a 4 star standard for domestic and international travel.

6.6 Meals

A member on official travel involving an absence from the ACT of longer than 10 hours must be reimbursed actual, reasonable expenses for meals.

6.7 <u>Incidental expenses</u>

The Territory must reimburse a member the reasonable expenses directly related to the member's official travel.

The expenses may include, but are not limited to, taxi or bus fares to or from an airport, taxi and public transport costs at a temporary location, and airport taxes or charges.

6.8 Frequent flyer program

Frequent flyer points accrued because of travel and accommodation paid for by the Territory may only be used for official travel.

Frequent flyer points accrued by a member must not be used to upgrade the standard of air travel used by the member to a level above the member's entitlement.

Katy Gallagher Chief Minister 14/8/2012