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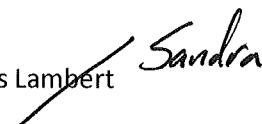
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Ms Sandra Lambert AM
Chair | ACT Remuneration Tribunal
Emailed to remtrib@act.gov.au

Dear Ms Lambert 

I am writing following-on from my letter dated 18 October 2019 about the review of the Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) Communications Allowance proposed in the ACT Government's submission to the Remuneration Tribunal of 4 February 2019 to the 2019 Autumn Review.

On 24 October 2019, I presented the *Legislative Assembly (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Amendment Bill 2019*. The Bill and its explanatory statement can be found at www.legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_61188/

In my presentation speech, I explained my intention to commence consultations with MLAs about the proposed approach to putting in place a communications allowance for all MLAs. My presentation speech can be viewed through the Assembly website at www.hansard.act.gov.au/hansard/2019/pdfs/P191024.docx.

The Continuing Resolution is under development and my office is currently undertaking these consultations.

The *Legislative Assembly (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Amendment Bill 2019* is due to be debated in the Legislative Assembly during the last sitting week of the year commencing 26 November 2019.

Subject to the passage of the Bill and a proposed Continuing Resolution, I will write to you seeking your consideration of a reduction in MLA salaries commensurate to the value of the new communications allowance to ensure the establishment of the communications allowance is budget neutral.

I trust this letter provides the Tribunal with further useful information about the proposed approach.

Yours sincerely



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