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Ms Sandra Lambert AM

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Dear Ms Lambert *Sandra*

Under section 10(1) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* I have signed the attached instrument in relation to a new Board established by the *Variation in Sex Characteristics (Restricted Medical Treatment) Act 2023* (Part 5).

I would appreciate it if you would inquire into the remuneration, allowances and other entitlements for the Chair and Members of the Restricted Medical Treatment Assessment Board. The Assessment Board's functions commence six months after the Act's notification day, which means I expect the Board will need to be in place by early December 2023.

The functions of the assessment board will be to assess applications in relation to treatment plans, review treatment plans, making administrative decisions on whether certain medical treatments can be approved. It will also advise the Minister on which variations in sex characteristics should be covered by the Act.

The Act requires the Minister to appoint a president and at least two members for each of the categories identified in the Act (human rights, medicine, ethics, variation in sex characteristics, provision of psychosocial support). The intention is to appointment multiple people to each category to establish a pool of members the president will use to form assessment committees to consider applications. The president has additional duties to the other members.

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The Board is a level 1 decision making entity that determines matters of importance to individuals and small groups. It is also a level 2 advisory entity, through its function of advising the Minister about which variations in sex characteristics should be covered by the Act (see section 30 of the Act). The decisions of the Board will indirectly regulate the practice of medical professionals performing certain treatments on individuals who have variations in sex characteristics.

I recommend that payment to members of the Board be \$1,190 per diem and the President of the Board be \$1,500 per diem. The first of these rates is the rate paid to a senior member of ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT). The second is the midpoint between the senior member rate for ACAT and the Sessional Acting Presidential Member rate for ACAT.

I have attached a Public Office Holder Questionnaire providing more information to assist the Remuneration Tribunal.

If further information is required, please contact Hannah Holland on 0401 557 193 or email [Hannah.holland@act.gov.au](mailto:Hannah.holland@act.gov.au).

I would like to thank the Remuneration Tribunal for assisting with the establishment of the Restricted Medical Treatment Assessment Board.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Barr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister

14 July 2023