



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Statement Number 112

Master of the Supreme Court

Background

Paragraph 10(1)(d) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act* requires the Tribunal to inquire into, and determine, the remuneration and allowances to be paid, and other entitlements to be granted, to the Master of the Supreme Court.

The Tribunal last reviewed remuneration and allowances for the Master of the Supreme Court in November 2001, and issued Statement and Determination Number 94 dated 30 November 2001 following that review.

Determination Number 94 provided for remuneration of \$184,000 per annum with effect from 31 May 2001.

Tribunal Consideration

This present review was advertised in the Public Notices of *The Canberra Times* on 7 and 10 August 2002. A written submission from the Master of the Supreme Court was received and considered by the Tribunal at a hearing on 4 October 2002. The Tribunal reconvened on 11 October 2002 and 21 November 2002 to further consider material provided to the Tribunal.

The Tribunal noted that the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal is currently finalising the most comprehensive review of judicial remuneration within its jurisdiction for many years and that the outcome could quite possibly impact on judicial remuneration in other jurisdictions throughout Australia.

In the light of this possible effect the Tribunal had hoped the review would be finalised before the date of the required annual determination for the ACT Judiciary.

The review has not been finalised, and the Tribunal has accordingly determined, based on submissions received and the Wage Cost Index of 3.1% for the 12 months to June 2002, to increase the remuneration of the Master to \$189,704 per annum.

The Tribunal will examine this matter again when the results of the Commonwealth review are known.



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Bill Lawrence MBE
Chair

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November 2002

Roberta McRae OAM
Member

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Alan Kerr AM
Member

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Pursuant to paragraph 10(1)(c) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* the Remuneration Tribunal has inquired into the remuneration and allowances to be paid to the Master of the Supreme Court and determines as follows: -

1. Determination Number 94 made on 30 November 2001 is revoked.
2. Remuneration at the rate of \$189,704 per annum shall be payable to the Master of the Supreme Court.
3. Travelling Allowance (within Australia)
 - (a) For travel on official business outside Canberra but within Australia the Master of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to \$345 per overnight stay in a capital city or \$175 per overnight stay in other than a capital city.
 - (b) An allowance of \$55 shall be payable where travel involves an absence from home of at least 10 hours, but does not involve an overnight stay.
 - (c) Where the absence specified in sub-paragraph (a) exceeds a multiple of 24 hours by at least 10 hours, an extra \$55 shall be payable in addition to the appropriate overnight stay payments.
 - (d) Where the Government meets the travel cost for the Master's spouse to accompany the Master, the additional cost of double room over single room accommodation shall be added to the appropriate overnight stay payment. Such additional cost shall be assessed at \$10 unless vouched.
 - (e) Where the cost of accommodation is met, travelling allowance at the rate of \$85 only shall be payable per overnight stay.
 - (f) Where the costs of accommodation and a meal per day are met, travelling allowance at the rate of \$70 only shall be payable per overnight stay.
 - (g) Where the costs of accommodation and all meals are met, travelling allowance at the rate of \$55 only shall be payable per overnight stay.

4. Travelling Allowance (overseas)

For travel on official business outside Australia the Master of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to be paid travelling allowance, equipment allowance and other overseas allowances on the same terms and conditions as a person who is an Executive under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*.

5. This Determination shall take effect from 1 November 2002.